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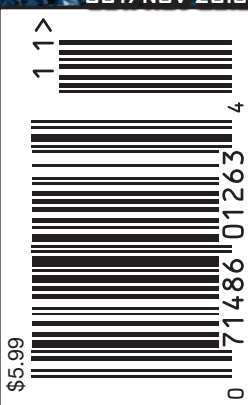
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The world of instant news coverage is here, and it's certainly here to stay. Whether through mainstream news, social networking or cable, we can now get immediate coverage of major events, along with commentary by so-called "experts." I tend to call this the "talking-head parade." Within minutes of a breaking story, media outlets reach out for the commentary of an expert who, in my opinion, is often not an expert, qualified or even remotely knowledgeable about the subject at hand. This is especially true in the areas of tactics, training and firearms use.

I've been in law enforcement "since the good old days," and I can say that we are partially to blame. Back in the day, news stories took hours, maybe days, to develop. Without social networking, the internet or a five-minute news cycle, agencies and officers tended to hold information very close to the chest, so to speak. Those days are gone, and the sooner we realize it the better. If we do not tell the truth, then the media and talking-head parade will continue portraying police officers as untrained buffoons.

Brave New World

The general public has always garnered its information from some sort of media, and it likely always will. When news came at a slower pace, bad information just faded away—if you were fortunate. But today, misinformation abounds, and it can continue on for weeks, making it critical that experts pontificating on tactics, training and mind-set actually have a clue.

I recently saw a newscast where someone stated that officers are "taught" to fire multiple shots because they "know" they are going to miss 75 percent of the time. Others have stated that we shoot to "wound"—some, to "kill"—and that a "marksman" can shoot a gun out of someone's hand at 300 yards! The only thing more comical is when these experts describe what a SWAT team will or will not do. None of this has been true for a long time. It's time to correct the record.

Officers react to the actions of those who threaten their lives or the life of another. They are trained to stop that threat. What "stop" means will depend on the threat. Period. Officers are expected to be aware of not only the threat but also everything around it. Every officer knows that, if at all possible, a missed shot must be avoided. Does it happen? Sure, but no self-respecting trainer is telling them they'll miss 75 percent of the time. Officer-involved shootings are life-changing events even when the officer survives and is justified—they're especially disastrous when they go awry.

In this day and age, experts grow on trees. Some truly know their stuff, while others, unfortunately, do not. This is no longer acceptable. We need to be in control of our image and the public's perception of who we are and what we do. If you are an "expert," please make sure you truly have expertise. It will only help our profession.

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Seven real-life cases highlight the importance of “one is none, two is one!”



BY MASSAD AYOOB

The first responder in a deadly situation is, by definition, a lone responder until “the cavalry arrives.”

Having backup safety rescue equipment is always important in an emergency, and in this kind of emergency, that means carrying another gun. Law enforcement has taken this so seriously that, of the 49 flavors of state troopers in the U.S. (Hawaii doesn't have state police as such), more than one out of 10 state police issue a concealable backup handgun, and some even mandate its wear on duty.

DEADLY SCENARIOS

Your backup may be easier to reach than your primary. **Case One** took place in South Carolina. In fact, the involved officer told me he had decided to get an ankle gun after reading one of my articles in *Combat Handguns*. The day came when a man approached his parked unit and opened fire from the driver's side, wounding him. Unable to draw from his Level III security holster while seated, the officer drew his backup Colt Agent .38 from his ankle holster and emptied it into the would-be cop-killer, dropping the man before he could chamber a second round. Though scarred, the wounded officer survived and returned to duty.

You may be separated from your primary. In **Case Two**, a California Highway Patrol

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In a deadly gunfight, wounded officers and self-defense-minded civilians separated from their primary weapons will be glad they carried a backup.



(CHP) officer was attacked by a man with a heavy framing hammer; he got off a few shots before the hammer blows rendered him unconscious. He awoke, supine, to find the wounded attacker on his hands and knees reaching for the dropped police gun that lay between them. The officer drew his backup S&W Chief's Special and pumped five bullets into the homicidal attacker, killing him and saving his own life.

Your primary gun may run dry, and your fastest "reload" may be another gun. In **Case Three**, a good friend of mine in the NYPD challenged two armed robbers while he was on a stakeout. The robbers decided to shoot it out, with a handgun and a semi-auto rifle. The officer emptied his five-shot Ithaca 12 gauge, dropped it and drew his S&W Model 10 .38, emptied that too, and then drew the 1911 he had special permission to carry and ran it to slide-lock, finishing the fight. Both gunmen died; the officer and his partner (who was also firing back) emerged unscathed.

You may be fighting with your would-be murderer for your primary handgun. **Case Four** involved a friend of mine from the Detroit Police Department. He was being held against the wall by a stronger opponent who was trying to

“Your primary gun may run dry, and your fastest ‘reload’ may be another gun.”

wrench the officer's duty weapon from its holster. My friend used his support hand to draw a Smith & Wesson Bodyguard Airweight from his hip pocket and shot the attacker dead, saving his own life.

You may be disarmed of your primary weapon at gunpoint. In **Case Five**, a father-son team of criminals caught a state trooper off guard and had the drop on him, forcing him to give up his service sidearm. As they debated whether to

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murder him on the scene or not, the trooper drew a S&W J-frame from his trouser pocket, grabbed the older criminal, and used him as a human shield as he leveled the gun on the younger. The dad profanely ordered his son to drop his gun and surrender. He did, and the trooper arrested them both without blood being shed on either side.

NOT JUST FOR COPS

Only the state of New Mexico limits you to one concealed handgun if you are legal to carry within the jurisdiction. There are cases on record where immediate access to a second handgun has saved law-abiding armed citizens as well. **Case Six**, in the Great Lakes area, involved the armed robbery of a “mom and pop” store. When the two thugs entered, they almost immediately opened fire without provocation, shooting down “Pop.” “Mom” responded swiftly and fiercely: She drew a revolver and shot back. She killed one of the punks and wounded the other, but the latter was still up and running. Under fire from him, she unhesitatingly drew a second



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Backup semi-autos and revolvers carried in quality ankle holsters have saved the lives of many LEOs.

number of shots fired by an armed citizen in self-defense in a single incident that I knew of. My answer was 105, the round count determined by evidence technicians in **Case Seven** in Micanopy, Florida. Half a dozen robbers made the incredibly stupid mistake of trying to rip off the gun shop owned by my

revolver and unleashed another fusillade, dropping him next to his dead accomplice and saving not only her own life, but also that of her wounded husband.

In a high-profile court case last year, I was asked what was the largest

“When a good guy is alone against the bad guys, a backup gun can be a lifesaving partner.”

sadly now-deceased friend Harry Beckwith, who happened to be a licensed Class III dealer. By the time the last of them had either fled or died, Harry had emptied a Smith & Wesson Model 76 submachine gun and a full-auto Colt M16, and reloaded one of them and kept on shooting until the problem was solved. Harry never did have to reach for the .44 revolver he always kept on his belt. (The prosecutor felt it just had to go in front of the grand jury. Fortunately, the Alachua County grand jury had no problem with it at all and exonerated Harry entirely.)

The list could go on and on, but this column has run out of space. Suffice it to say that the backup gun concept has long since proven itself on the streets. When a good guy is alone against the bad guys, a backup gun can be a lifesaving partner.

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9 retention holsters that'll secure your gun without slowing down your draw!



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BY ROBERT A. SADOWSKI

A nightmare for any officer is a gun grab. Luckily today's modern retention holsters can keep a weapon securely locked in its holster and locked onto an officer's body, at least until you can subdue your attacker and take charge of the situation. A holster is considered a Level II holster when it has some type of thumb break to release and some form of internal locking device before the weapon can be drawn. In other words, two security systems in place. Level III holsters have three separate retaining devices, both internal and external, that must be undone or bypassed by the user. Of course, this is a very traditional naming system that many holster companies bypass these days. Regardless, here's a look at 10 of the latest Level II and Level III retention holsters ready for mean-streets duty.

COMP-TAC INTERNATIONAL DUTY HOLSTER



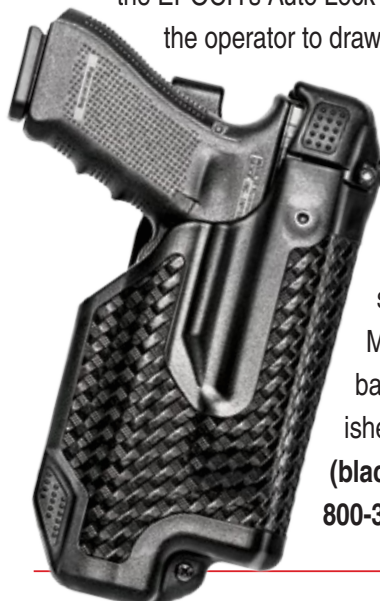
The International Duty is an outside-the-waistband Level II retention holster with a modular mounting design

offering the user 16 different carry options. The holster body is made from

Kydex that is molded to your specific weapon; the leather retention strap uses an LE-grade snap. The low-friction Kydex offers a smooth draw and one-handed reholstering. (comp-tac.com; 866-441-9157)

BLACKHAWK EPOCH LEVEL III LIGHT BEARING DUTY HOLSTER

The EPOCH can be worn on the hip or mounted to a drop-leg platform. For security, the holster's retention system engages the pistol's ejection port when holstered. The Pivot Guard that covers the back of the slide opens by thumb activation and is designed so it won't close accidentally and lock you out of the holster. The location of the EPOCH's Auto Lock release allows the operator to draw the firearm



with his or her index finger and thumb in proper alignment for a smooth motion. Matte, plain and basketweave finishes are available.

(blackhawk.com; 800-379-1732)



DARA D3

The D3 builds in three levels of retention: a military-grade rubber retention system, a thumb lever lock with a rotating hood and an ejection port locking system. The rotating hood thumb lever works similar to the selector switch on an AR

rifle, and the ejection port lock requires the user to rock down on the weapon for it to be drawn. The holster body is constructed of heavy-duty Kydex. (daraholsters.com; 919-665-5316)

DESANTIS QUICK SAFE

The Quick Safe is a self-locking Level III holster that features twin Redi-Loks that are fast on the draw. Constructed from heavy-duty Kydex and injection-molded, glass-reinforced polymer, the holster will stand up to hard use. The ambidextrous design is adjustable for both cant and height. In its lowest position, the Quick Safe performs well for female users. (desantisholster.com; 800-424-1236)





FOBUS RAPID RELEASE

The Rapid Release series of holsters incorporates a release button that is activated by the operator's index finger without having to alter the user's natural draw. The retention system locks onto the weapon's triggerguard and instantly releases when pressed. The holsters are made from injection-molded polymer that is plenty tough and durable. Belt loop and paddle versions are offered. (fobusholster.com; 267-803-1517)



GALCO M6X

The M6X belt holster is the latest addition to the Matrix line, offering Level II security combined with an intuitive and fast thumb-activated lever. The locking device locks into the ejection port of your pistol. Constructed of injection-molded thermoplastic, the M6X is tough and durable and has a neutral cant. The belt slot design pulls the pistol into the body for better concealment. (galcogunleather.com; 800-874-2526)



GOULD & GOODRICH K391

The K391 series of holsters offers a fast, smooth draw and three levels of retention security. The patented retention system gives the operator the option of deploying the strap release lever, changing the holster's status from Level III to Level II, or just pressing a release to unlock all retention devices and draw the weapon. Reholstering gives the user an audible click signifying the weapon is again at Level III retention.



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RELOADING UNDER FIRE

Split-second reloads to maximize your firepower and win the firefight!

BY DAVID BAHDE

Too often, people train for a shooting while ignoring the realities of a gunfight.

But the difference is pretty simple. While shootings may involve more than one gun, they are always one-way fights. They are up close and personal and typically low round-count affairs that are quickly over with no prolonged interaction. On the other hand, in gunfights, the bullets are flying both directions—and that changes things a ton! All of the sudden that square range—which offered plenty of time, yardage markers, pristine footing and no need to move—is just about worthless. Few people in the real world “stand and deliver” when rounds are zinging by their heads, feet or any other body part: They seek cover and fight back, and that requires a whole other mindset.

CHANGING DYNAMICS

Generally, gunfights are dynamic. You are moving, they are moving, rounds may be impacting around you, and all that practice

standing on the line has gone out the window. You may get hit—an unnerving but real risk—and whether by bullets, debris or shrapnel, that changes things. The most likely recipient of these projectiles is your hands. Most people focus on the gun, and it is very often the thing first hit—anyone doing any force-on-force training will attest to this. Is it lethal? Maybe not, but it sure wreaks havoc on your two-handed grip, your perfect aim and your ability to perform speed reloads under a second!

In gunfights, the first critical difference is the addition of movement. Today, no reputable school I am aware of advocates standing still in a gunfight. (If some do, my guess is that the instructors have never actually been in one.) You are going to learn the basics standing still, but after that you should be on the move. It may involve moving as you draw, after you fire, while firing, you name it, but at some point you had better be moving. Whether it's to avoid getting killed, to find cover or because you're scared to death, you are going to move. In a perfect world or on the competition range, you will never have to reload on the move: You will

conserve ammunition, hit everything you aim at and get to cover to make the perfect tactical reload in preparation of the next step. But in the law enforcement world, you must practice what you do on the move, including reloads.

FASTER RELOADS

We'll start with the empty reload, as this one is pretty simple. When you run out of ammunition, your weapon becomes a very expensive, substandard hammer. So you need to load your gun and get back in the fight as soon as possible. But while you are doing so, you need to stay in the fight, and that means staying focused on the threat. Keep the pistol in your workspace—in front of your face with your head up and your eyes on what is trying to kill you. You can look under or through the triggerguard or have your gun a bit to the side, but turn the weapon up so the reload is natural. Pointing an empty gun at your opponent is, well, pointless, especially if it slows you down. And if the gun is at your waist, you will be slower and lose track of where your threat is. Stay threat-focused and get your gun back in



You can rack your pistol's slide one-handed by hooking the rear sight on a vehicle tire.



It's important to be able to operate your pistol's controls with either hand.



If you're using a car as cover, a wheel can help support your gun while you reload.



the fight—it is your best chance for survival at this point—as fast as you can, although getting shot at will probably make this a self-correcting event.

Next is the “tactical reload.” It goes by several names and basically involves loading your already loaded gun. You are simply topping it off with a fresh magazine. Of course, you need to know how to do this. However, it should not be something you do while you are fighting. These reloads are for the lull in the fight, or for right after the fight, just prior to putting the gun back in the holster. While shooting at the guy trying to kill you, simply keep returning fire until you run out of ammunition, then reload and repeat as needed.

Both of these reloads need to be practiced from every conceivable position, including prone, standing, kneeling, on your side, around a tire, under your car and around a barricade. You need to be accomplished at these because, unless you get in this fight on the range, you will need to shoot from what your environment presents. This practice can be done dry, and it's a good way to work out where your equipment should be placed.



To survive in a gunfight, get to cover and expose as little of yourself as possible when firing back.

BEYOND THE NORM

Many if not most gunfight injuries are to the hands: Our eyes are drawn there, and most good stances place the pistol at center mass. Therefore, you may not have both hands to use shortly after the fight begins, so practicing shooting and reloading with one hand is critical. There are all kinds of ways to do this, a few of which are pretty common among trainers.

The most popular one-handed reload is to use your knees to hold the weapon while you access your maga-

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Another one-handed reload seen with some frequency is the use of the lower leg while in a kneeling position. This generally accomplishes the same thing, and for those with large legs like me, it's actually easier. This technique is a single-sided event, so practice on both sides. You can also place the weapon under your injured arm, especially if yours is only a hand injury. You can also use a waistband, your holster, a pocket or other parts of your clothing—just take the time to work it out.

The remaining methods are completely up to your imagination. You need to use what is at hand. Cars and SUVs are common forms of cover: The wheels present all kinds of options, so walk around your vehicle and see what will securely hold your weapon. This may be critical, especially if you took a round to the leg. You would be surprised what you can do with a bit of thought. Just make certain you try all of these methods dry until you can do so safely.

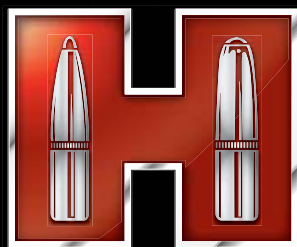
The real difference here is the mode of thought. Gunfights are never the same, and they're seldom as practiced on the square range. It is too easy to train for the best-case scenario; train for the worst, and count your blessings when all goes well. Only a fool thinks they brought the only gun to the fight. Plan and train for the fight, not the event. The more you know, the better prepared you will be when reality creeps in. Is luck part of it? Sure. But fortune favors the prepared, and the better trained you are, the more fortunate you'll seem to be!

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LIGHTER, STRONGER, BETTER 5.56



Daniel Defense's M4V5LW weighs only 6.15 pounds but brings plenty of fight!

By David Bahde

Photos by Steve Woods

Working as a patrol sergeant shortly after the now-infamous Los Angeles bank robbery, I was charged with putting together a “rifle program.” To me, that meant providing rifles to patrol officers—the real solution.

Unfortunately, to my administration that meant a small number issued to patrol sergeants. That kind of idiocy was common at the time; there were even SWAT teams with “armory rifles.” You responded to the call and waited for the “gun truck” to show up with your weapon. Fortunately

for all concerned, that foolishness eventually disappeared. After more nagging, “personal carry” was finally allowed—officers could provide their own rifles. Sergeants’ rifles were given to instructors who worked the street and provided training. It took another 10-plus years for administrators who understood the need for patrol rifles, and I was once again asked to find the best weapon for issue to everyone.

For patrol purposes, reliability is paramount, along with a proven track record and weight. Heavy barrels may improve a rifle’s inherent accuracy, but

not enough to make them required in a typical police environment. What we needed was a simple, lightweight AR that was very well received. If I were to equip officers today, I would still recommend a reliable and rugged carbine with a lightweight 16-inch barrel, and Daniel Defense has recently introduced one of the best—the DDM4V5LW in 5.56mm NATO.

TIER ONE DEFENDERS

Ask working professionals which AR to buy for duty use and the name Daniel Defense will surely come up. Proving themselves in the hands of law enforcement and military operators, the compa-



The lightweight, 5.56mm DDM4V5LW is built for speed and durability. Shown with a Nightforce 1-4x42mm NXS scope.

With a Trijicon SRS sight, a SureFire Scout light and Daniel Defense fixed sights, the AR was ready for the range.

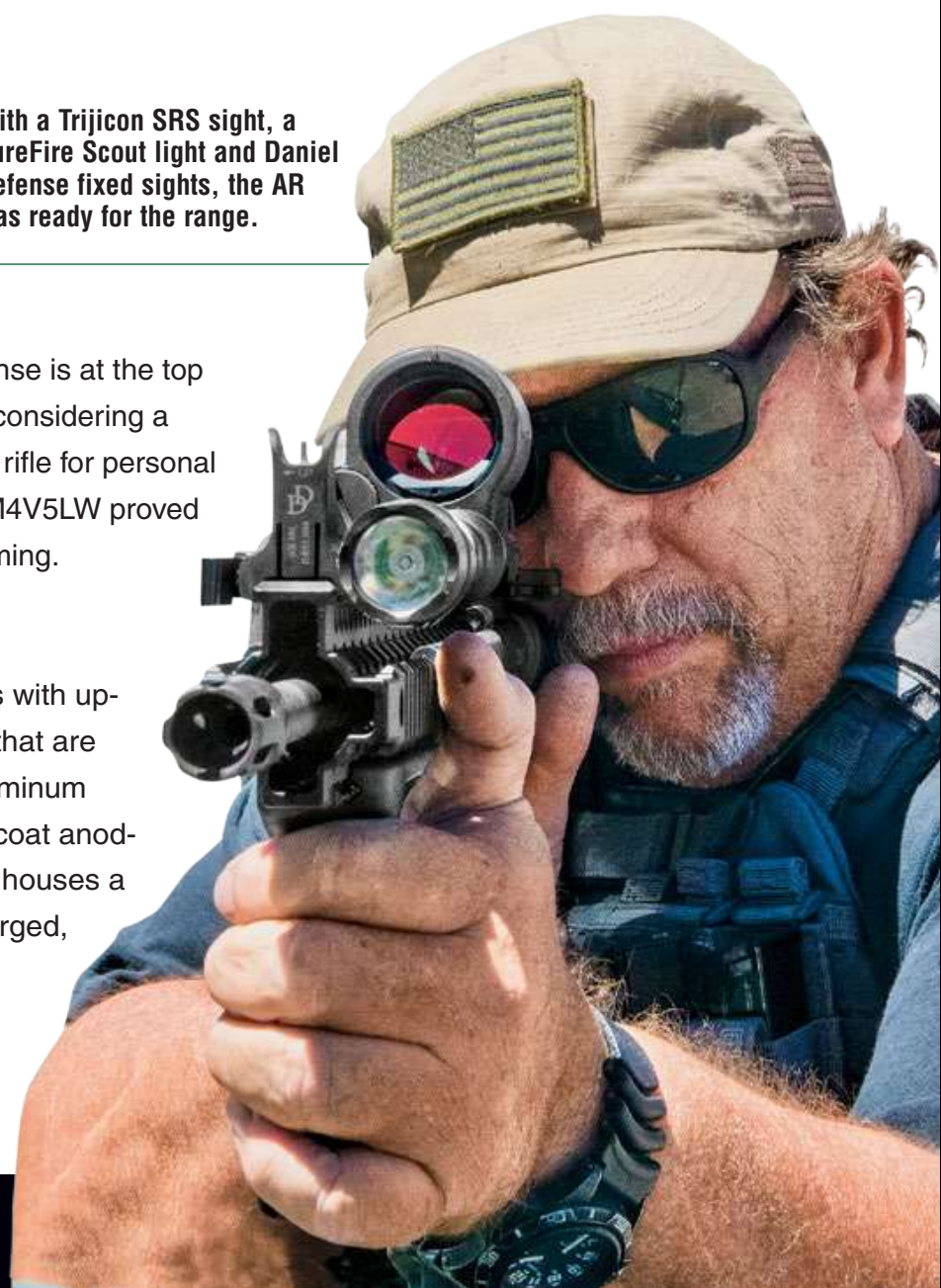
ny's rifles are reliable, durable, simple and cost effective. I've tested dozens of ARs, and Daniel Defense rifles always work right out of the box. Using them consistently both with and without a suppressor, they just seem to work. These guns are built with extreme attention to detail using parts that meet or exceed military specifications. For the ultimate in rugged weapons, Daniel Defense installs pinned gas blocks, solidly mounted handguards and magnetic-particle (MP) inspected internals. The company's barrels are among the best on the market, and they are often seen in other manufacturers' rifles.

If the need arises for a direct-impingement rifle that must work every time it is

called upon, Daniel Defense is at the top of my list. I was recently considering a simple, lightweight patrol rifle for personal use, and testing the DDM4V5LW proved to be a case of perfect timing.

GUN DETAILS

Daniel Defense starts with upper and lower receivers that are forged from 7076-T6 aluminum that is then Type III hardcoat anodized. The upper receiver houses a 16-inch, cold-hammer-forged, chrome-moly-vanadium steel barrel built using Daniel Defense's state-of-the-art machines.



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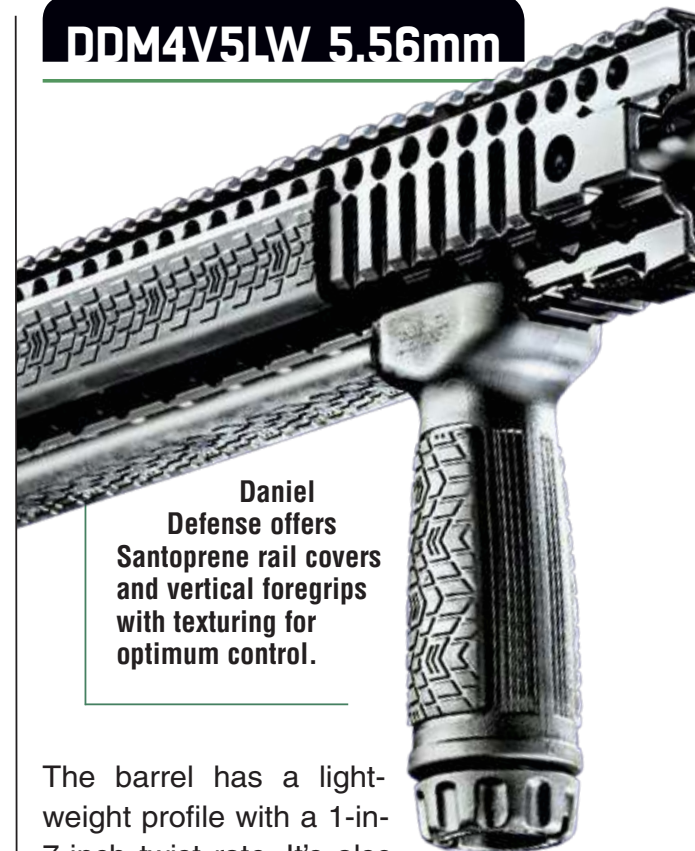
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The barrel has a light-weight profile with a 1-in-7-inch twist rate. It's also chrome lined, MP tested and coated in a durable heavy phosphate finish. The barrel sports 1/2x28 threading and comes capped with a stainless steel Daniel Defense flash suppressor.

The mid-length gas system utilizes a 4140 hardened steel gas block that is pinned for rugged reliability. Surrounding the barrel and gas system

“Rapid-fire groups at **50** and **100 yards** consistently yielded **fist-sized groups** of 10 rounds or more.”

is a 12-inch-long, free-floating DDM4 handguard that is CNC-machined from 6061-T6 aluminum. It's lightweight while offering plenty of Picatinny rails for attaching accessories. Daniel Defense also ships the rifle with Santoprene rail panels that are heat resistant up to 300 degrees, keeping you in control under hard and fast use.

The lower receiver includes a flared magazine well and a rear quick-detach (QD) sling swivel attachment as well as a mil-spec trigger and internals. The company's collapsible stock, which features Soft Touch overmolding, is installed on a mil-spec buffer tube housing an H-buffer, and Daniel

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SPECIFICATIONS

Caliber: 5.56mm NATO
Barrel: 16 inches
OA Length: 32.25-35.88 inches
Weight: 6.15 pounds (empty)
Stock: Collapsible
Sights: None
Action: Direct impingement semi-auto
Finish: Matte black
Capacity: 30+1 • **MSRP:** \$1,689

PERFORMANCE

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Bullet weight measured in grains, velocity in fps by chronograph, and accuracy in inches for best five-shot groups at 100 yards.

Defense also includes its matching pistol grip. Finally, the lower has an enlarged triggerguard for those wearing gloves.

The DDM4V5LW arrived in a hard case with one 30-round Magpul PMAG and a Soft Touch overmolded vertical foregrip as well as Daniel Defense's optional fixed front and rear sights.

To test the carbine at the range, I added Trijicon's SRS (Sealed Reflex Sight), which is one of my favorites for patrol or

duty use when I need a red-dot sight. Solid as a rock, its design all but eliminates the tunneling effect common on other sights. The SRS is quick to install and adjusts easily without special tools. It features a 1.75-MOA dot, making it useful at any practical range. The SRS is powered by a solar cell (as well as a backup AA battery) with 10 brightness settings, three of which are night-vision compatible. With its incredibly clear glass, the

SRS is fast, easy to use and well suited to any duty application.

Since patrol weapons need a light, I added my SureFire Scout light in a LaRue Tactical offset mount, and I added a momentary/constant-on push button to the vertical foregrip for activation.

RANGE TIME

This rifle can serve well for a bunch of missions, but its real sweet spot is as a patrol rifle. In the law enforcement world, ranges are seldom beyond 75 yards and round counts are low. Officers need light-weight rifles that work every single time. Most are kept simple, with a red-dot sight or optic, backup iron sights and a light. I tested the DDM4V5LW in this manner, and it seems perfect for patrol uses.

Officers get to calls in a car, so being able to operate in and around a vehicle is critical. I keep a rack in the back seat of my FJ Cruiser as well as a locked container in the rear, and for testing, I deployed the DDM4V5LW from both locations. The gun was very easy to access and get



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Daniel Defense's collapsible stock and pistol grip feature matching Soft Touch overmolding for enhanced traction.

DDM4V5LW from both locations. The gun was very easy to access and get into action. I also ran the carbine through my range's shoothouse, where its lightweight handling characteristics really shined. It worked well around corners and in tight spaces. Keeping the stock collapsed

meant I could easily bring the carbine up to my shoulder and on target. Moving around the range and shooting from various positions, the DDM4V5LW was a joy to use. It easily fit into a bag and, again, was very easy to deploy.

Holding the rifle in the shoulder pocket while moving, the lightweight barrel was really nice. Daniel Defense's Santopene rail covers are also very comfortable. Even during rapid fire and hard use, the covers stayed cool to the touch. The covers also provided a solid grip—there was

The DDM4 quad-rail handguard makes it easy to attach lights and lasers, such as the LaserMax Genesis (shown).

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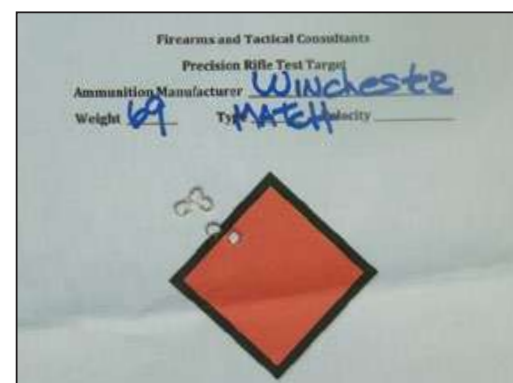
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The DDM4V5LW's accuracy was excellent, with my best group using Winchester's 69-grain Match ammo measuring just under an inch. Rapid-fire groups at 50 and 100 yards consistently yielded fist-sized groups of 10 rounds or more. There did not seem to be any real difference in impacts given heat when tested at reasonable ranges. Engaging steel at 200 and 300 yards, hits were consistent. When I ran three reasonably fast 10-shot groups at 200 yards, I only had two misses. Moving to 300 yards, the results were similar, with only two misses per 10-round, rapid-fire group—not bad for shooting off-hand with a red-dot sight.

FINAL NOTES

I ran several types of ammunition through the gun, including 40-grain frangible rounds, and the DDM4V5LW never missed a beat. As this carbine shows, Daniel Defense builds its rifles to work right out of the box in harsh real-world conditions using the widest range of ammunition.

Overall, this is a fantastic rifle, so much so that I ordered one for my personal collection. In training courses and media events, I often need a simple direct-impingement AR that works all the time, and the DDM4V5LW does that at a reasonable cost. Lastly, age, experience and hours on the range mean just about everything today I deploy is lighter, and the DDM4V5LW carbine fits that to a T! For more information, visit danieldefense.com or call 866-554-4867.

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SHARP

Remington has been making arms for the military and police for many years.

They include shotguns, patrol rifles and carbines, sniper rifles, and various arms classified under the National Firearms Act, including select-fire and fully automatic weapons. The company had not made these products available commercially, but at an event in early December of 2014 held at Gunsite Academy, Remington announced that, beginning in 2015, certain law enforcement and military weapons would be made available to retailers for sale to the public. Because these guns have not been sold to the public before, many people do not even know they

exist. And that's understandable. But a lot of people are going to be surprised and will want to acquire some of these interesting guns. After all, they will continue to be used by people who get paid to use them in high-risk situations.

Although not a select-fire gun, the Remington Model 700 Police 5R RACS nevertheless has not been available commercially until now. Most everyone has heard of the Remington Model 700 rifle, and many people know that there is a version made for police and military sniper use. While the basic 700



5R RACS boasts next-gen upgrades and sub-MOA accuracy!

SHOOTER

By Doug Larson



Built for military and police use with a next-gen chassis system, the Remington 700 Police 5R RACS is now available to civilians. Shown with a Steiner Military 5-25x56mm scope and a Harris bipod.



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REMINGTON 700P RACS

on which this gun is based is nearly the same, Remington replaced the normal stock with what the company calls the Remington Accessory Chassis System (RACS). The RACS allows for the attachment of many useful accessories and is loaded with user-adjustable features designed to allow the shooter to adjust the rifle for a comfortable fit.



GUN DETAILS

Starting with the Model 700 action, Remington makes even more modifications so it is not the same as the basic rifle used by many for hunting. Instead of the standard trigger usually found on Remington 700s, one borrowed from the 40X rifle is installed. This is a nice trigger with a snappy break that is externally adjustable for pull weight. The one on the gun I received for testing broke cleanly with no discernible take-up at 3.5 pounds followed by no perceptible overtravel.

A special barrel has also been installed on this gun. A typical barrel will



The barrel has 5/8x24 threading for suppressors and other devices, and a thread protector came with the test gun.



The rifle's 40X trigger is adjustable for pull weight, and the paddle-style magazine release is easy to reach.



During testing, the Remington 700 Police 5R RACS rifle proved to be exceptionally accurate and plenty durable.

REMINGTON 700P 5R RACS

SPECIFICATIONS

Caliber: 7.62mm NATO
Barrel: 20 inches
OA Length: 30.25-40.25 inches
Weight: 13 pounds (empty)
Stock: Folding • **Sights:** None
Action: Bolt • **Finish:** Matte black
Capacity: 10+1 • **MSRP:** N/A

PERFORMANCE

Load	Velocity	Accuracy
ASYM 175 Match SMK	2,514	0.39
Black Hills 175 Match BTHP	2,591	0.74
Eagle Eye 175 Match BTHP	2,588	0.54

Bullet weight measured in grains, velocity in fps by chronograph, and accuracy in inches for best five-shot groups at 100 yards.

have an even number of lands and grooves, but this gun's 5R barrel has five. The design also features lands that have angular instead of sharp, square edges. The five lands reportedly deform the bul-

let less as it travels down the barrel, and the angular edges allow the bullet jacket to more easily form to them, making for a better gas seal that results in less carbon buildup, less copper fouling, easier barrel

cleaning and greater velocity—not to mention better accuracy. The user has to be the judge of all the claims, but my test gun did prove to be accurate. More about that later.

My test rifle featured a 20-inch, carbon-steel barrel featuring a Parkerized finish, a 1-in-11.25-inch twist rate and 5/8x24 threading at the muzzle for the attachment of a suppressor or other muzzle device. A thread protector was supplied. (Remington also offers 24-inch barrels for government orders.)

For government entities, Remington makes the 700 Police 5R RACS avail-



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ACCESSORY CHASSIS SYSTEM

What makes this gun remarkably different from the other Remington 700 Police models is the RACS, which allows the operator to install accessories that are often difficult to add to a gun with a sporting or tactical stock. But the first, and most obvious, feature of the RACS is the pistol grip. The one on the test gun appeared similar to an Ergo grip but was not marked as such. It appeared that the grip could be removed and replaced with another AR-style grip. In any case, the grip



It's not well known, but Remington makes select-fire AR-style carbines for government entities. With the new direction taken by Remington's Law Enforcement and Defense divisions, a semi-automatic variant of three models will now be available on the commercial market while the select-fire versions continue to be offered to the government. At Gunsite, I had the opportunity to test-fire a sample of each.

The three versions of the R4 are the Patrol, Operator and Enhanced. All have the same basic specifications, but there are some important differences. Each model will be offered with a semi-automatic or a select-fire trigger, and all are chambered in 5.56mm NATO. The hammer-forged barrels are 11.5, 14.5 or 16 inches in length with 1-in-7-inch twist rate. The Patrol has a six-position mil-spec stock, a removable carry handle/rear sight and a quad-rail or polymer handguard. The Operator comes with a Magpul CTR stock, a modular Remington Accessory Handguard (RAHG) and Magpul MBUS sights, while the Enhanced adds ambidextrous controls.

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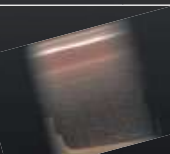
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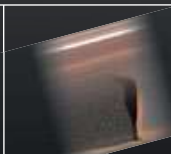
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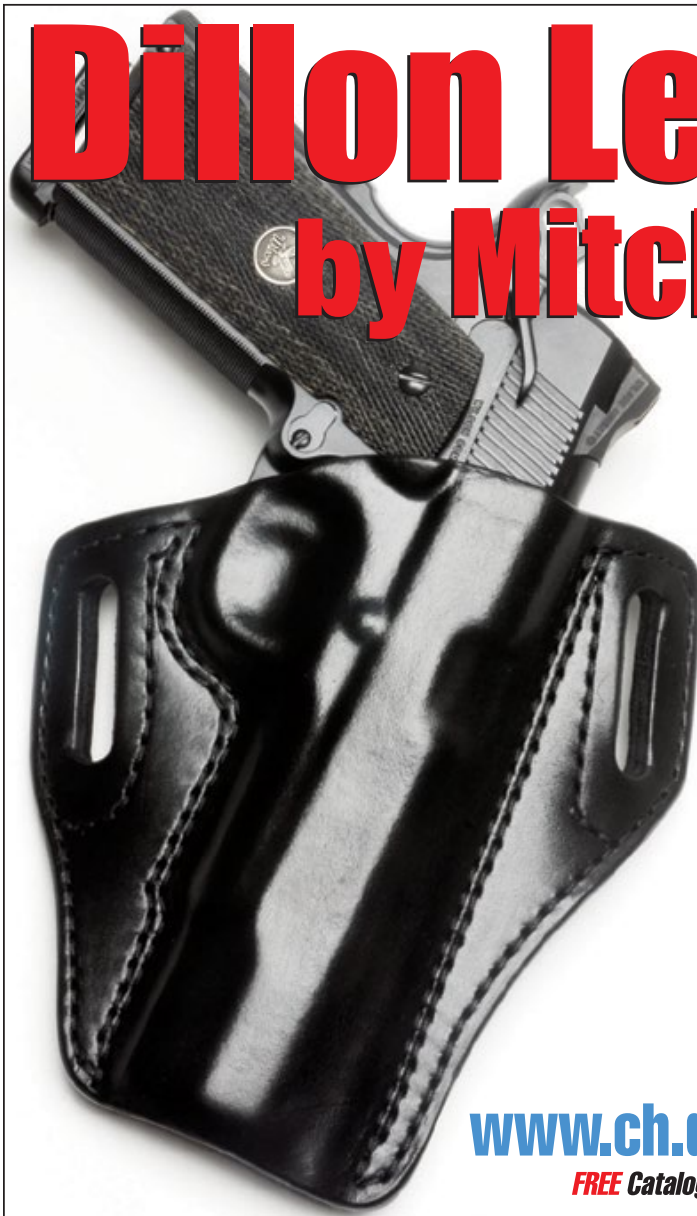
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supplied was comfortable and worked well. Be aware, though, that with the pistol grip, to manipulate the receiver-mounted safety that is on the right side, near the back of the bolt, the hand must be moved from its firing position. The shooter cannot manipulate it while keeping the hand on the stock, as can be done with a sporter.

The other most obvious feature of the RACS is the tubular handguard—similar to an AR-style handguard—that allows the barrel to float freely for enhanced accuracy. Made of 7075-T6 aluminum with

“ The RACS allows for the attachment of many useful accessories and is loaded with user-adjustable features designed to allow the shooter to adjust the rifle for a comfortable fit. ”

an anodized finish, and extending to within about 2 inches of the muzzle, the handguard has eight sides with holes pre-drilled and tapped to allow the operator to attach Picatinny rail sections for mounting various accessories like lights, laser aiming devices or bipods. The handguard also has cable-routing guides, or grooves, so that cables from electronic devices are recessed just below the contour of the handguard instead of being taped or tied down and protruding from the surface, where (Please turn to page 92)

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Batons, shields and more less-lethal gear to help control dangerous crowds!

BY FRED MASTISON

From the earliest days, those tasked with keeping the peace have been used to control large dangerous riots. The first ancient instances of this tended to be heavy-handed affairs, as land barons or rulers used hired men to remove crowds. The cliché of the “brute” squad comes closer to the truth than most know. With the establishment of a formal law enforcement entity and evolution in policy, tactics and philosophies have improved. Unfortunately, in many cases, the law enforcement side is the only one who has moved forward. Scenes of rioting crowds throwing rocks, bottles and worse are common. The byproduct of this is technological advances in gear designed to protect the officers charged with keeping the peace. Let’s take a short stroll through some of the best and most effective gear used to control rioting crowds as well as protect the officers tasked with getting it done.



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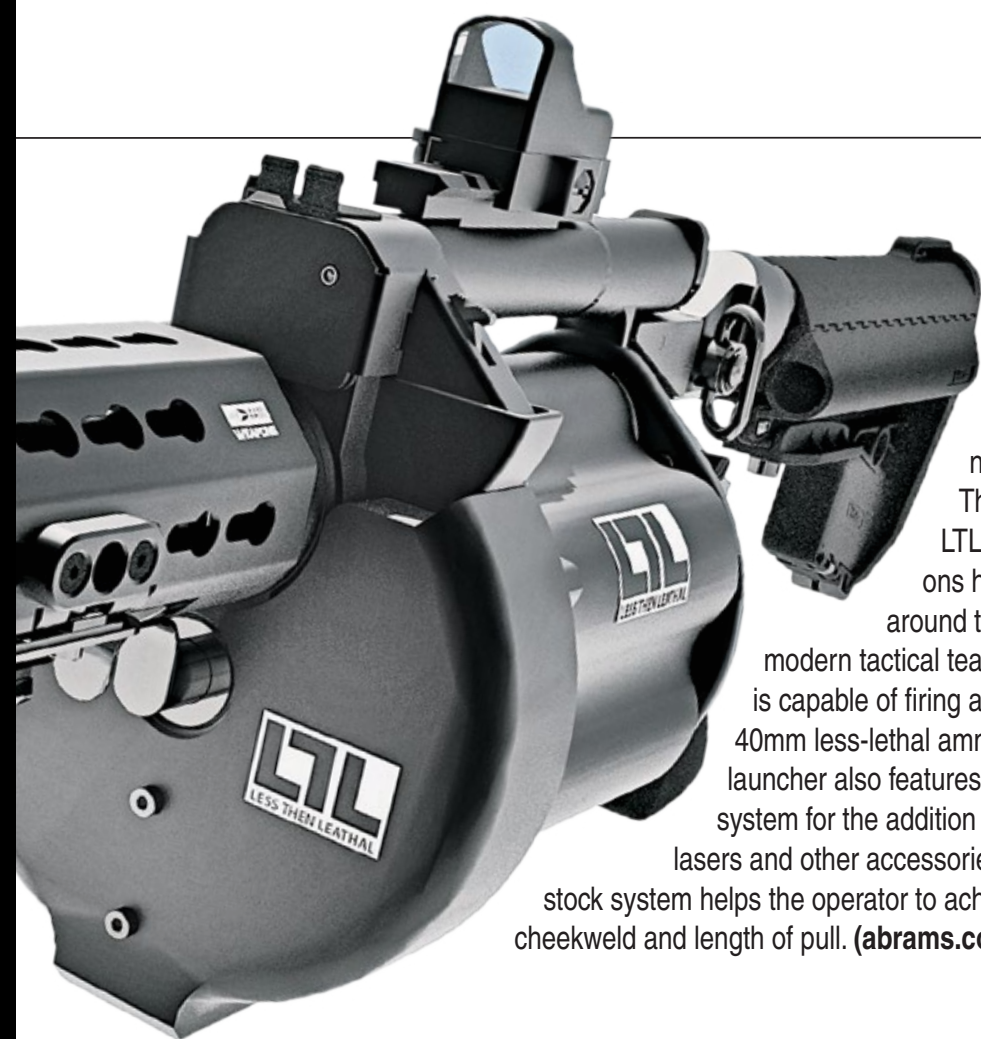
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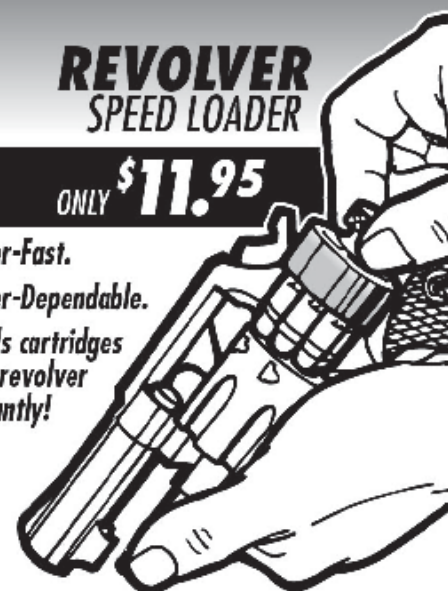


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The custom-grade Seekins Precision SPROV3 SBR in 300 Blackout is built for accuracy and unshakeable reliability!

By David Bahde

From a ballistics and operational standpoint, it is pretty hard to beat the 300 Blackout, or 300 BLK, as a police carbine cartridge.

In a realistic police engagement, supersonic 300 Blackout ammunition will provide better terminal ballistics than the 5.56mm NATO.

You can also utilize standard AR-15 magazines, which helps keep transition costs down, while the capacity remains the same. The 300 Blackout's recoil is





The Pro Series SPROV3 from Seekins Precision is built for covert 300 Blackout missions. Shown with a Gemtech Sandstorm, an Aimpoint PRO and an X Products X-15 drum mag.

This 0.65-inch, five-shot group demonstrates the SPROV3's precision.

also the same, along with its reliability and accuracy. In essence, you get a better cartridge that works in the same platform, with minimal costs to make the switch.

You'll realize the 300 Blackout's great advantage when you run it through a shorter barrel: Less velocity is lost, as compared to the 5.56mm. Add a suppressor and the 300 Blackout really shines. Nothing short of an AK in 7.62x39mm works as well, or remains as effective, as a pistol-length AR in 300 Blackout.

Reliable subsonic 300 Blackout ammunition is another plus. Companies have been trying to load accurate and consistent subsonic 5.56mm and 7.62mm NATO loads for years, but they haven't been very successful. This isn't the case with the 300 Blackout—there are several reliable subsonic rounds on the market. While

some are less than optimal for police work, this is changing. High demand for expanding bullets has provided more usable offerings, and more are on the horizon. When using an entry carbine with a short barrel and a suppressor, a subsonic cartridge that both penetrates enough and expands properly would be a huge advantage.

One of the biggest claims of the 300 Blackout is that you can interchange between subsonic and supersonic ammunition using the same receiver. It sounds great: Run subsonic ammo for entry duties, change magazines and use supersonic rounds for patrol. Unfortunately, in my experience, the theory has yet to match the reality. No previous rifle I've tested has been able to make this swap reliably without adjusting the gas output or changing the buffer and spring. Tuning the rifle to use one or

the other has been my recommendation for anything approaching duty-level reliability. But Seekins Precision may have just changed all of that.

GUN DETAILS

While attending an open house at Seekins Precision's new facility, I was able to test one of its Pro Series SPROV3 carbines in 300 Blackout with an 8-inch barrel. The SPROV3 features the company's SP223 billet lower, which uses a standard carbine buffer and spring. Gemtech was also at the event, and the company provided its Sandstorm titanium suppressor for testing with the SPROV3 along with its Silencer Subsonic 187-grain ammunition. This polymer-tipped round is designed to expand at subsonic velocities. To my great surprise, this setup worked perfectly, all day, over hundreds

SEEKINS PRECISION SPROV3

“ I completed several drills, switching back and forth between **subsonic** and **supersonic** ammunition, without a single issue. ”

of rounds. I spoke to Glen Seekins, the company’s founder and president, and he assured me that the SPROV3 would work with both supersonic and subsonic ammunition, so I immediately ordered one for testing.

My test SPROV3 carbine came with an 8-inch barrel surrounded by the company’s 12-inch MCSR handguard. Designed to cover most of the suppressor, it provides KeyMod mounting points along the 3, 6 and 9 o’clock

axes. The stainless steel barrel is radially fluted and bead blasted. The muzzle sports 5/8x24-tpi threading, which should fit most .30-caliber suppressors. Within the handguard, surrounding the barrel, you’ll also notice cooling fins as well as an adjustable gas block. Seekins Precision also furnishes the upper with a BCM Gunfighter charging handle, a match-grade chamber, M4 feed ramps and an M16 bolt carrier group that exceeds military specifications for optimum reliability.

The SPROV3’s billet-crafted SP223 lower receiver features an ambidextrous bolt release, a unique magazine well, an ambidextrous Battle Arms Development safety selector, an extra-strong magazine release button and an enlarged triggerguard. While standard models come with ACT triggers, my test rifle came equipped with a Geissele SSA Super Semi-Automatic (SSA) two-stage trigger.

Magpul’s STR carbine stock rides on the six-position buffer tube.



The SPROV3 ran reliably during testing with a 50-round X Products X-15 drum mag loaded with supersonic ammo.

Finally, the Ergo deluxe pistol grip provides for excellent control.

I also tested the SPROV3 with a titanium Gemtech Sandstorm sound suppressor, which is one of the lightest on the market at only 13.3 ounces. I’ve used this suppressor on several rifles ranging from 6.5 Creedmoor to 7.62mm NATO without any issues. Added to the SPROV3, the carbine stays light, well bal-



SEEKINS PRECISION SPROV3

SPECIFICATIONS

- Caliber: 300 Blackout
- Barrel: 8 inches
- OA Length: 25.25 inches
- Weight: 6 pounds (empty)
- Stock: Magpul STR • Sights: None
- Action: Direct impingement semi-auto
- Finish: Hardcoat anodized black
- Capacity: 30+1
- MSRP: \$1,995

PERFORMANCE

Load	Velocity	Accuracy
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Gemtech 187 Silencer Subsonic	1,040	0.45
Hornady 208 A-MAX	900	0.51
Remington 220 OTM	1,032	0.50
SUPERSONIC		
Double Tap 110 TTSX	2,055	1.40
Hornady 110 V-MAX	2,175	1.25
PNW 125 Match	2,107	1.00
PNW 147 Practice	1,857	1.50
PNW 155 Match	1,900	1.25
Remington 125 OTM	2,088	0.65

Bullet weight measured in grains, velocity in fps by chronograph, and accuracy in inches for best five-shot groups at 50 (subsonic) and 100 (supersonic) yards.

Seekins Precision builds the SPROV3 with several custom-grade features, including billet-crafted receivers, a KeyMod handguard, a fluted and threaded barrel, ambidextrous controls, an Ergo grip and a unique mag well.



anced and controllable while providing excellent sound and flash suppression. For sighting, I mounted an Aimpoint PRO and a Trijicon VCOG.

RANGE TIME

At the range, I began by testing the SPROV3's reliability and functioning with both subsonic and supersonic 300 Blackout ammunition. Starting with Gemtech 187-grain Silencer Subsonic rounds, the carbine ran perfectly, spitting out brass as fast as I could pull the trigger. Moving to Remington 220-grain ammo, the carbine performed just as well. Next came the DoubleTap 240-grain ammo and Hornady's 208-grain A-MAX—there wasn't a single malfunction.

The same thing happened with the supersonic ammunition. I loaded PNW's 147-grain FMJs into an X Products X-15 drum magazine. Casings ejected at about 4 o'clock, recoil was not overly harsh, and the SPROV3 ran like a charm. All of the 110-grain ammunition ran well, too, although the ejection pattern was a bit more erratic. Lastly, I tested 125-grain rounds, which performed similarly.

I completed several drills, switching back and forth between subsonic and supersonic ammunition, without a single issue. All of the standard magazine testing was completed using Lancer L5AWM



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magazines. Other magazines will work, but these always work in this caliber, at least for me. The X-15 is my favorite X Products drum magazine. It does not add a ton of weight, it's actually shorter than a 30-round magazine, and it seems to work really well. The only drawback is not

holding open on the last round, but such is the price of being able to carry 50 rounds on board. It also would not cycle the subsonic ammo. By necessity, the X-15 has a bit more spring tension—it wasn't an issue with any of the supersonic ammunition, but it was enough to stop the subsonic from feeding. Loading the X-15 with 147-grain FMJs, the carbine was accurate, completely reliable and a ton of fun to shoot.

The SPROV3's accuracy was excellent, with the 125-grain Remington rounds creating the best 100-yard group, which measured 0.65 inches. Groups at 50 yards using subsonic ammo were, as usual, astounding. Because of the lighter recoil, and using a good scope, I can usually cluster these rounds into one hole.

Gemtech's 187-grain ammo grouped five rounds into 0.45 inches at 50 yards. All of the subsonic ammo groups were less than an inch, and all the supersonic rounds grouped into less than 1.5 inches.



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As mentioned, velocity loss due to shorter barrel with this caliber is less dramatic than with the 5.56mm. Compared to my 10.2-inch Noveski barrel, velocity dropped around 100 fps across the board. Using a 110-grain Barnes TAC-TX bullet for comparison, the 300 Blackout from an 8-inch barrel still has roughly the same foot-pounds of energy on target as the 55-grain 5.56mm M193 round from a 16-inch barrel and a bunch more than a 10-inch-barreled 5.56mm. You'll notice similar results if you compare the 125-grain 300 Blackout to the 77-grain 5.56mm. This is really the sweet spot for this caliber—there is just no way for a 5.56mm NATO rifle to come close when the barrel gets this short, especially when suppressed.

FINAL NOTES

Seekins Precision has a winner here, as the SPROV3 ran every supersonic and subsonic 300 Blackout round with-

out having to change the rifle's configuration. The accuracy was excellent, the carbine functioned flawlessly, and I had a lot of fun.

After shooting rapid-fire strings, especially with the subsonic ammo, the Sandstorm certainly was hot, but it remained usable. While this is less of an issue with supersonic rounds, you'll still need to keep an eye on it. The Sandstorm never came loose, and it worked perfectly throughout the test.

If 300 Blackout ammunition ever becomes readily available at a cost closer to the 5.56mm's, it may pose a real challenge to the status quo in the police carbine world. Until then, the 300 Blackout is a truly viable option for those who can find and afford the ammunition. One thing is certain: If you are looking for an SBR in this caliber, you really need to take a close look at this one! For more information, visit seekinsprecision.com or call 208-743-3400.

GEMTECH SANDSTORM

I've used many suppressors over the years, and weight can be real a factor. Adding a couple pounds to the end of your barrel is bound to change something. The same is true for quick attachments. For consistency, a simple thread-on suppressor is often the best choice, especially when it comes to precision rifles and SBRs. Shortening your rifle for entry duty is counter-productive if you make it heavier than when you started. The solution has always been the use of lightweight materials like titanium, and Gemtech has one of the best sounds suppressor designs available today.

ENTRY READY: Thanks to its titanium construction. Gemtech's Sandstorm weighs in at a mere 13.3 ounces. Rated for 7.62mm NATO ammunition or smaller, it is also suitable for use with the 300 Blackout. I've tested the Sandstorm on numerous preci-

sion rifles; it's very effective at reducing the sound signature, produces a minimal shift in impact and is about as simple and strong as it gets. Testing the Seekins Precision SPROV3 in 300 Blackout provided an opportunity to put it through its paces with this ever-popular caliber.

Fitting nicely under the handguard, the Sandstorm adds very little weight, maintaining the balance expected of a short entry carbine. Sound suppression with the subsonic ammunition was excellent, and it was better than most with supersonic loads. The Sandstorm did not come loose after firing hundreds of rounds, and the titanium dissipated the heat quickly and efficiently. If you are looking for a truly versatile suppressor, the Sandstorm may be just the ticket. For more information, visit gem-tech.com or call 208-939-7222. —David Bahde





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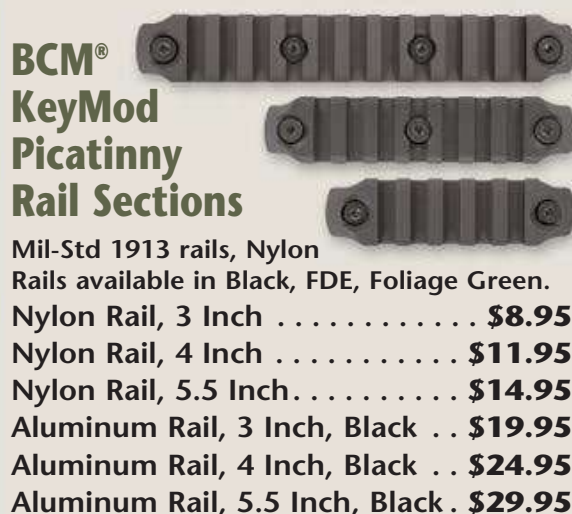
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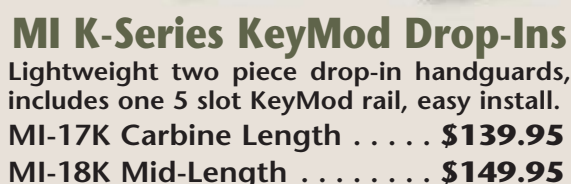
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BY SCOTT W. WAGNER

We all know the paradigm shift that was caused by the Columbine mass murder on April 20, 1999.

When one of these tragedies begins, street cops don't wait for SWAT—they go in with small rapid response teams or alone, likely with rifles, and resolve the problem immediately. But there was another major paradigm shift in active-shooter response tactics, and that occurred on April 16, 2007. It was the massacre at Virginia Tech.

In that massacre, 32 innocent students and faculty members were killed by a man who was armed with a 9mm and .22 LR pistol. The shooter secured the doors in Norris Hall, where the majority of the carnage occurred, with pre-measured heavy chains. Chaining the door, by most accounts, delayed police entry by at least five minutes—an eternity in an event like this. While this wasn't the first event that involved barricading in a mass killing, it was the deadliest

A narcotics officer prepares to gain entry using Kodiak's pry bar and sledgehammer.



Jeff Goldberg photo

LEOs tackle a tough door by using a pry bar and a lightweight ram for quick, one-shot breaching.

single-gunman active-shooter massacre in U.S. history, and the pre-planning involved in the attack got the attention of many.

THE TOOLS IT TAKES

When the Virginia Tech incident occurred, patrol officers were attempting a SWAT response without all the tools that a SWAT team has available to them, and had to find secondary points of entry.

Patrol officers need a few more tools to assist in active-shooter responses—particularly breaching tools. These tools have to be readily available and able to put into play quickly and efficiently. However, in today's modern, downsized and overly crowded police cruisers, carrying battering rams and other full-fledged SWAT breaching gear is out of the question. In an unplanned emergency response, the gear needs to be transported and used by a single officer over a potentially long distance without burning the officer out. That's quite a balance to strike indeed.

Two of the best solutions that are available come from BlackHawk and Kodiak Tactical Systems. For this report I tested each company's emergency breaching pack systems, which allow one officer to carry up to three of the most common tools for a standard barricaded-door entry—a pry bar or Halligan tool, a sledgehammer and bolt cutters. While small battering rams are made, they tie up at least one hand to carry while moving into position, and even the light ones are heavy—something not practical for an officer also carrying a rifle or handgun.

BLACKHAWK DYNAMIC ENTRY KIT

Of the two kits tested, the BlackHawk Dynamic Entry Mini Deployment Kit is the most compact for use in a tight cruiser. In fact, it is small enough to fit on the front seat with a patrol bag. It has a single shoulder strap that goes over the head, and a thigh strap for securing on the off-gun side so it won't beat

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BREACHING KITS

you up while running. The three tools contained in the Mini Deployment Bag are the Mini Breacher pry bar, the Micro ThunderSledge and the Mini BoltMaster. They are very compact! The overall length of the Mini BoltMaster is 18 inches while the Mini-Breacher and the ThunderSledge run approximately 14 inches overall. The Micro ThunderSledge has a total weight of 4.6 pounds, which is great for solo operation. The Mini Breacher features a newly redesigned tempered stainless steel wedge with counter-angled friction ridges to help prevent tool slippage, and the safety-guard handgrips of the Mini Breacher improve gripping and support if the user's hands are wet or sweaty. The handles on all of the tools are electrically non-conductive to 100,000 volts to prevent potential electrical contact issues. The entire kit weighs in at 14.8 pounds.

KODIAK EK30 BREACHING KIT

If you are not familiar with Kodiak Tactical Systems, Sgt. Paul Brandley, an experienced SWAT operator and trainer, runs it. His tools are American made, and his company is not only involved in tool manufacturing, but also in training as well through the Spartan International Consulting Group. I tested Kodiaks' EK30 Breaching Kit with a backpack. The EK30 is the largest set Kodiak offers, with a 20- and 24-inch set available if space is at a premium. Usable for SWAT or patrol work, the EK30 features the HB30, a single-piece Halligan tool with a Sure-Grip handle; the SH828, a Duralight fiberglass-handled sledgehammer; and the BC30, a heavy-duty bolt cutter with an adjustable, replaceable cutting head. By way of contrast, the SH828 weighs in at 8 pounds, and the total kit weighs approximately 26 pounds. Non-conducting handles are available as an option on the tools, and they were included on the test bolt cutters and sledge. The Sure-Grip handle of the pry bar has a textured finish consisting of small raised dots that run the entire surface of the steel handle.

The Kodiak backpack itself is a nicely rendered affair, made in America of 1,000-denier Cordura nylon, and it's available in black or tan. It contains a pouch for holding each of the three tools, padded shoulder straps for quick mounting and carry, an accessory pocket for a flashlight or other items, and it has a loop carry handle on top for short trips.

IN THE FIELD

As I now work for a small agency with no tactical team, I loaned both sets of tools to a nearby major metropolitan agency's narcotics unit. This unit handles intelligence, narcotics warrants and raids independently of the department's SWAT team. I figured that the *(Please turn to page 92)*

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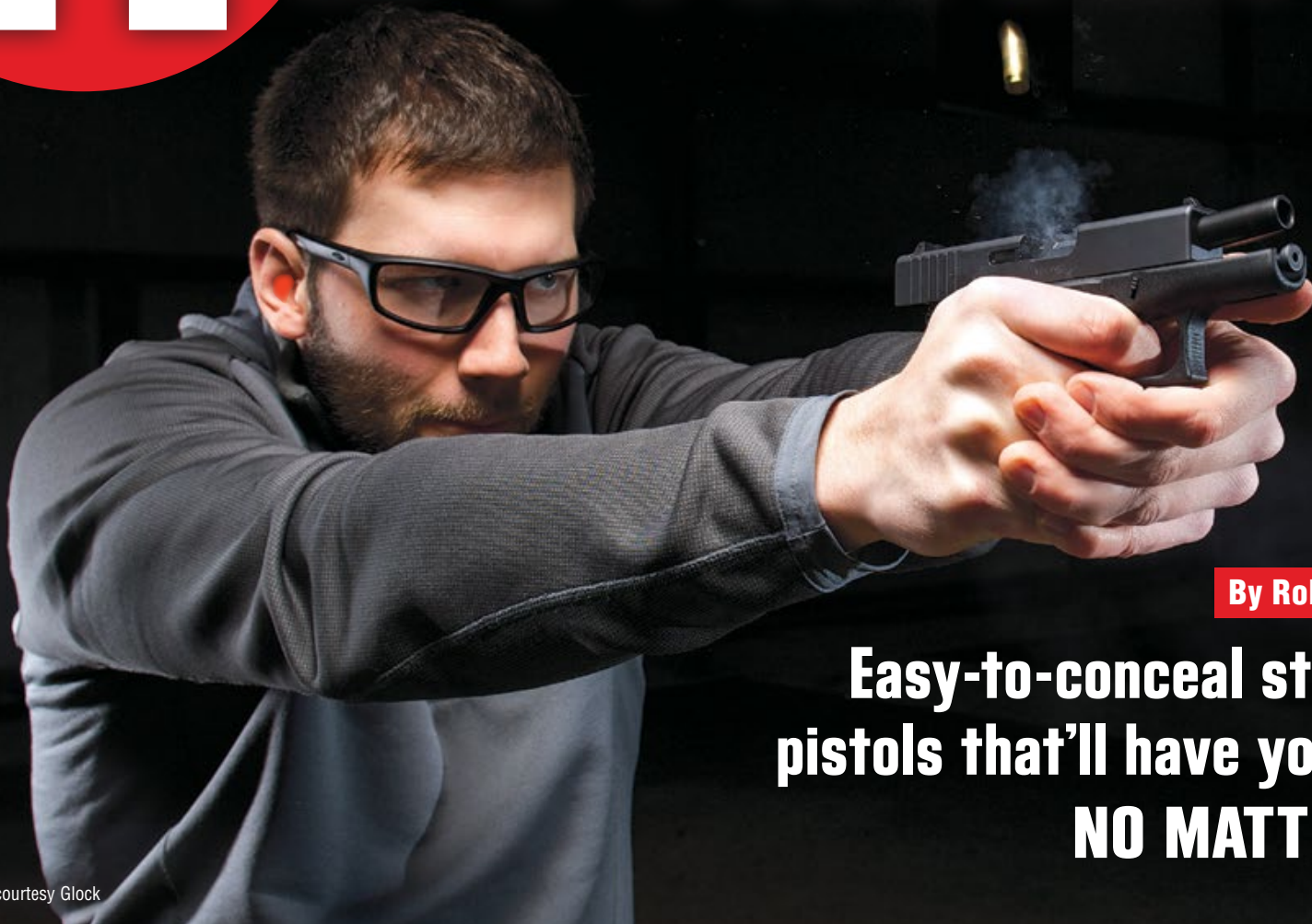


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11 COMPACT STRIKERS



By Robert A. Sadowski

**Easy-to-conceal striker-fired pistols that'll have your back—
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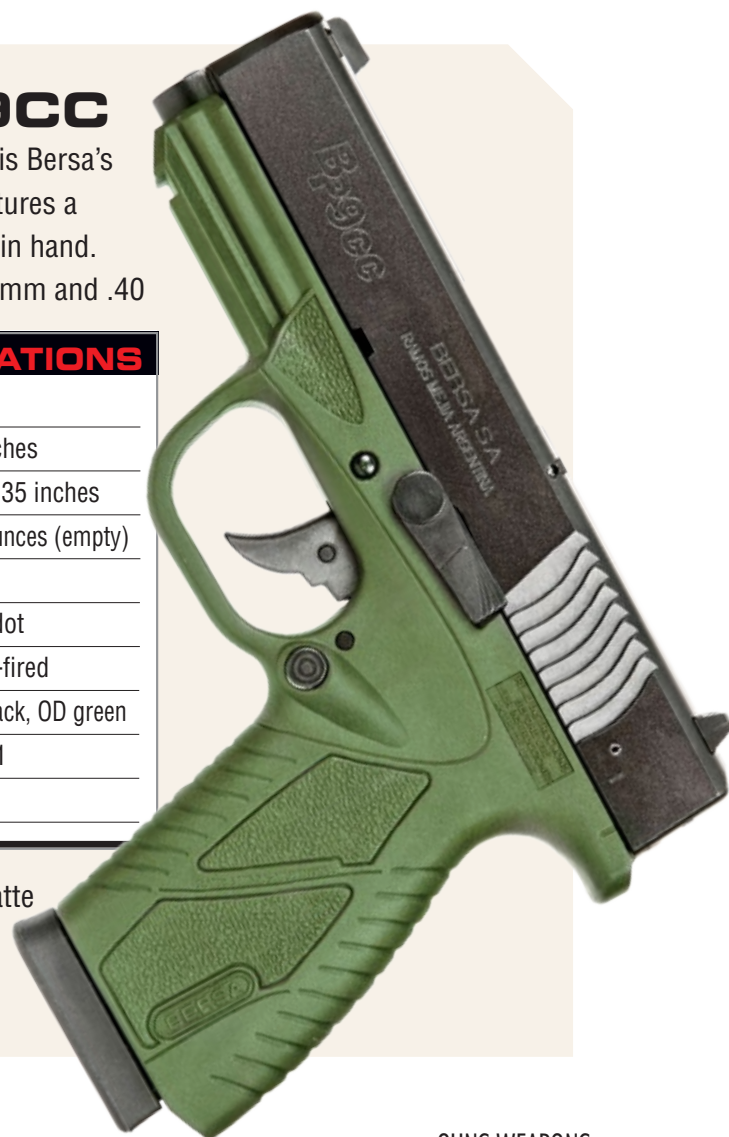
Striker-fired semi-automatic pistols use a spring-loaded firing pin that is partially cocked by the movement of the slide, then the trigger continues to cock the firing pin before releasing it to fire the pistol. Striker-fired pistols do this without the use of a protruding hammer, which can hamper a draw from deep concealment. Some models also incorporate a safety in the trigger as well as a firing pin safety and drop safety, making them very safe. Here are 11 compact striker-fired pistols.

► **BERSA BP9CC**

The BP Concealed Carry, or BPCC, is Bersa's first polymer-framed pistol and features a single-stack magazine, so it is thin in hand. Models are available in .380 ACP, 9mm and .40 S&W. All of the controls are ambidextrous, and it uses a short-reset trigger to activate the striker firing mechanism. Several finish options are available, and the BP9CC (shown) features an olive drab frame with a matte black slide. **(732-493-0333; bersa.eagleimportsinc.com)**

SPECIFICATIONS

CALIBER:	9mm
BARREL:	3.3 inches
OA LENGTH:	6.35 inches
WEIGHT:	21.5 ounces (empty)
GRIPS:	Polymer
SIGHTS:	Three-dot
ACTION:	Striker-fired
FINISH:	Matte black, OD green
CAPACITY:	8+1
MSRP:	\$430





► FNS-9 COMPACT

The new 9mm FNS-9 Compact has all the features of the full-sized FNS-9 pistol, including the ambidextrous slide stop and magazine release, but in a smaller, compact package. At only 6.7 inches in length and less than 24 ounces unloaded, the FNS-9 Compact is easy to pack. The extended magazine floorplate offers a finger rest for a full grip and better control. A .40 S&W version is also available.

(fnhusa.com; 703-288-3500)

SPECIFICATIONS

CALIBER: 9mm
BARREL: 3.6 inches
OA LENGTH: 6.7 inches
WEIGHT: 23.4 ounces (empty)
GRIPS: Polymer
SIGHTS: Three-dot
ACTION: Striker-fired
FINISH: Matte black
CAPACITY: 12+1, 17+1
MSRP: \$470



► GLOCK 43

The new G43 is sure to become a very popular pistol with law enforcement due to its compact size and single-stack magazine, which holds six rounds. In fact, the pistol is only 1.02 inches wide, making it very easy to conceal in an ankle holster, a pocket or on a vest. Of course, the pistol is made to Glock's high standards with the same Safe Action system utilized on the company's other pistols.

(glock.com; 770-432-1202)

SPECIFICATIONS

CALIBER: 9mm
BARREL: 3.39 inches
OA LENGTH: 6.26 inches
WEIGHT: 17.95 ounces (empty)
GRIPS: Polymer
SIGHTS: Fixed
ACTION: Safe Action
FINISH: Matte black
CAPACITY: 6+1
MSRP: \$580

► KAHR CM9

The venerable CM9 is a highly affordable 9mm pistol that is easy to conceal for backup duty, and Kahr has updated it this year by offering it with a front night sight for better target-

ing in low-light situations. The matte stainless slide contrasts the black polymer frame, and the pistol uses a flush-fit six-round magazine. The CM9 has a 3-inch barrel and a smooth trigger pull thanks to Kahr's striker-fired system. (kahr.com; 508-795-3919)

SPECIFICATIONS

CALIBER: 9mm
BARREL: 3 inches
OA LENGTH: 5.42 inches
WEIGHT: 15.9 ounces (empty)
GRIPS: Polymer
SIGHTS: Night front, adjustable rear
ACTION: Striker-fired
FINISH: Matte black
CAPACITY: 6+1
MSRP: \$490



► RUGER SR9C

Lightweight, rugged and reliable—that's the best way to describe Ruger's SR9 series of pistols. Add "compact" and "lightweight" to the SR9c variant. The pistol's designed to offer users either a flat or arched backstrap for individual shooter comfort. Matte black and two-tone versions are available with 10- or 17-round magazines. Dovetailed into the slide are three-dot sights, and the rear sight is adjustable. A .40 S&W version is also available. (ruger.com)

SPECIFICATIONS

CALIBER: 9mm
BARREL: 3.4 inches
OA LENGTH: 6.9 inches
WEIGHT: 23.4 ounces (empty)
GRIPS: Polymer
SIGHTS: Adjustable three-dot
ACTION: Striker-fired
FINISH: Stainless, matte black
CAPACITY: 10+1, 17+1
MSRP: \$529



11 COMPACT STRIKERS



► SIG SAUER P320 COMPACT

The most modular of all striker-fired pistols, the polymer-framed Sig Sauer P320 makes it easy for operators to switch calibers—from 9mm to .357 SIG or .40 S&W—as well as grip frames and slides that range from full-sized to subcompact. The P320 Compact variant (shown) weighs 26 ounces and is only 7.2 inches in length. Compact and reliable, the P320 has outstanding ergonomics and a smooth, crisp and short trigger pull. (sigsauger.com; 603-610-3000)

SPECIFICATIONS

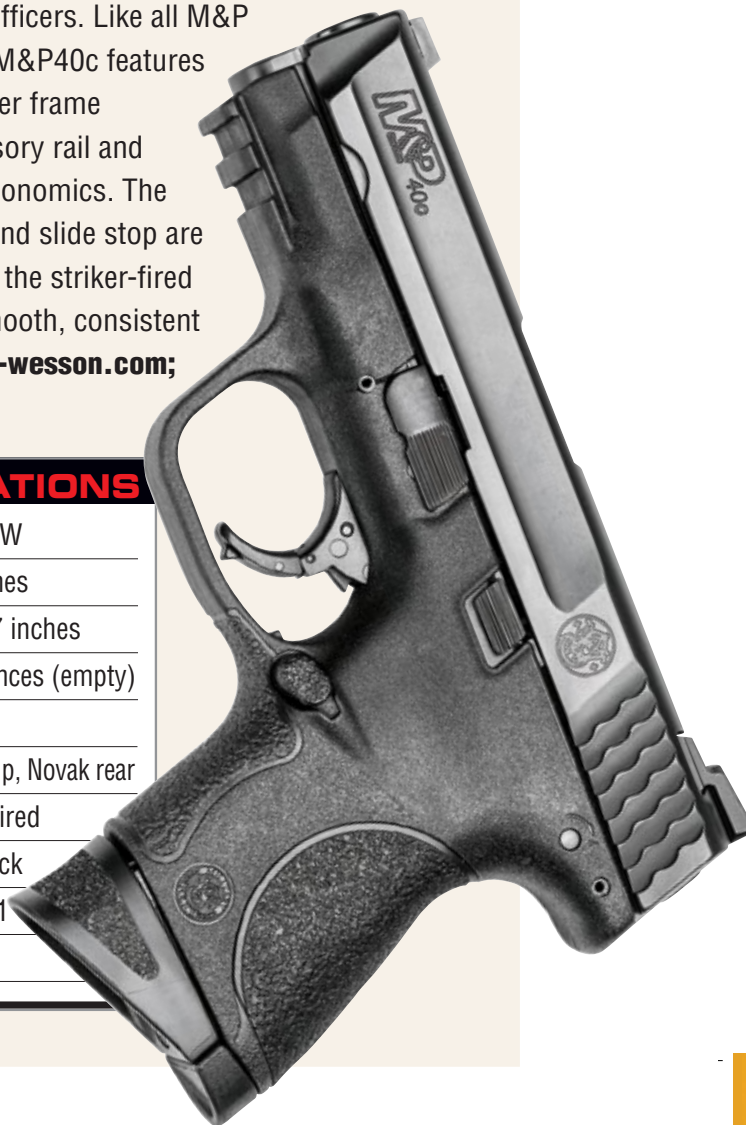
CALIBER: 9mm, .357 SIG, .40 S&W
BARREL: 3.9 inches
OA LENGTH: 7.2 inches
WEIGHT: 26 ounces (empty)
GRIPS: Polymer
SIGHTS: SIGLITE night or contrast
ACTION: Striker-fired
FINISH: Matte black
CAPACITY: 15+1 (9mm), 13+1 (.357, .40)
MSRP: \$627-\$713

► SMITH & WESSON M&P40C

Many LE agencies across the U.S. have chosen the M&P series of pistols, from the full-sized variants to the Shield, for its officers. Like all M&P series pistols, the M&P40c features a reinforced polymer frame with a short accessory rail and grip-enhancing ergonomics. The magazine release and slide stop are ambidextrous, and the striker-fired system offers a smooth, consistent trigger pull. (smith-wesson.com; 800-331-0852)

SPECIFICATIONS

CALIBER: .40 S&W
BARREL: 3.5 inches
OA LENGTH: 6.7 inches
WEIGHT: 21.9 ounces (empty)
GRIPS: Polymer
SIGHTS: Front ramp, Novak rear
ACTION: Striker-fired
FINISH: Matte black
CAPACITY: 10+1
MSRP: \$569



► SPRINGFIELD ARMORY XD MOD.2

Springfield's XD pistols are designed to deliver uncompromising firepower, and the new Mod.2 variants feature stylishly redesigned slide and frame contouring as well as the high-traction Grip Zone. The 3.3-inch-barreled, .45 ACP version (shown) comes with both a nine-round

magazine and a 13-rounder with Springfield's X-Tension for a fuller grip. The pistol also comes with a fiber-optic front sight and a white-dot rear for fast targeting. (springfield-armory.com; 800-680-6866)

SPECIFICATIONS

CALIBER: .45 ACP
BARREL: 3.3 inches
OA LENGTH: 6.5 inches
WEIGHT: 26 ounces (empty)
GRIPS: Polymer
SIGHTS: Fiber-optic front, white-dot rear
ACTION: Striker-fired
FINISH: Matte black, Bi-Tone
CAPACITY: 9+1, 13+1
MSRP: \$549-616



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► STEYR ARMS S9-A1

The striker-fired S9-A1 is very concealable with a cold-hammer-forged, 3.6-inch barrel for enhanced accuracy and an ergonomic polymer grip frame with a Picatinny rail for mounting accessories. The pistol is designed to offer a high grip with a low bore axis for less muzzle rise while firing. Finally, the pistol comes with triangle/trapezoidal sights and a 10+1 capacity. (steyrarms.com; 205-417-8644)

SPECIFICATIONS

CALIBER: 9mm
BARREL: 3.6 inches
OA LENGTH: 6.5 inches
WEIGHT: 23.4 ounces (empty)
GRIPS: Polymer
SIGHTS: Triangle/trapezoidal
ACTION: Striker-fired
FINISH: Matte black
CAPACITY: 10+1
MSRP: \$560



► TAURUS MILLENNIUM G2

The Millennium G2 pistol has a double-strike capability. In other words, if the trigger is pressed and the cartridge fails to fire, the pistol goes into double-action mode, allowing the shooter to re-strike the cartridge. There's no need to re-rack the slide on the Millennium G2 like you would with other striker-fired pistols. This Taurus is also very safe to carry with a firing pin block, a trigger safety, a thumb safety and a loaded chamber indicator. (taurususa.com; 800-327-3776)

SPECIFICATIONS

CALIBER: 9mm
BARREL: 3.2 inches
OA LENGTH: 6.24 inches
WEIGHT: 22 ounces (empty)
GRIPS: Polymer
SIGHTS: Fixed
ACTION: Striker-fired
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“One of the features... is a decocker, which, when pressed, resets the trigger for a longer double-action pull.”



► WALTHER P99C

The German-engineered Walther P99C is the compact version of the street-proven, full-sized P99, except with a 3.5-inch barrel and a reduced grip size. One of the features that sets this striker-fired pistol apart from the others is a decocker, which, when pressed, resets the trigger for a longer double-

SPECIFICATIONS

CALIBER: 9mm, .40 S&W

BARREL: 3.5 inches

OA LENGTH: 6.6 inches

WEIGHT: 20.8-22.4 ounces (empty)

GRIPS: Polymer

SIGHTS: Three-dot

ACTION: Striker-fired

FINISH: Matte black

CAPACITY: 10+1 (9mm), 8+1 (.40)

MSRP: \$535

action pull. With a user-friendly and comfortable ergonomic grip, the P99C offers a compact pistol that is safe and reliable. (waltherarms.com; 479-242-8500)

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BUCKING THE 5.56 TREND

The pistol-caliber Stag Arms Model 9 pairs well with 9mm sidearms!

By Fred Mastison



As the ballistic performance of 9mm ammunition has improved, so has the interest in the law enforcement world to move back to the round.

One of the biggest shifts recently was the FBI transitioning to the 9mm round. While the number of sidearms chambered for this cartridge will continue to grow, there has also been an expanding interest in carbines chambered in 9mm. For law enforcement, a rifle chambered in pistol caliber offers many advantages like a reduced sound signature, a manual of arms identical to a standard AR's and cleaner functioning.

Enter Stag Arms and its Model 9, a well-built AR rifle chambered in 9mm. Stag Arms is well known in AR circles as a respected builder of quality rifles. While the company has a long history in the 5.56mm division, the Model 9 is Stag's first move into rifles chambered in pistol calibers. As would be expected, though, this is not a casual decision and serious development went into this new beauty.

GUN DETAILS

Worth mentioning right out of the gates is that the Model





The Model 9 is designed to use reliable Colt/Uzi-style stick mags that hold 32 rounds of 9mm ammo in a double stack.

9 is built on dedicated 9mm upper and lower receivers. While some companies trying to enter this space are placing adapter blocks in the lower receiver's magazine well, this is not the case with Stag. The dedicated 9mm lower is forged from 7075-T6 aircraft-grade aluminum. To experienced shooters, this stands out as critical. Many times modification kits and conversions provide less-than-desirable reliability. Stag has eliminated any possible problems with its dedicated 9mm design. The lower receiver has the same look, dimensions and feel of rifle-caliber guns. The difference is the magazine well, which is built to run double-stack, Colt-pattern, 32-round magazines.

Two other noticeable differences are the lack of a forward assist and the presence of an oversized shell deflector. Beyond that, the Model 9 looks like any standard AR rifle found in patrol cars around the country. The rifle comes with a standard

six-position stock as well as a nice, small-diameter Diamondhead VRS-T handguard that fits the rifle well.

Once the rifle is cracked open, the differences begin to really emerge. Being a pistol-caliber rifle, it features a blowback-operated action, essentially a larger version of your pistol's. The traditional bolt carrier group looks slightly similar to an AR's but has the bolt face milled into the front surface. This is accom-

panied by a channel designed to accommodate the fixed ejector. The "gas key" is little more than a connection point for the charging handle. Even the hammer, magazine catch and buffer are all specifically designed for the 9mm.

There are currently four versions of the Model 9 available: the standard Model 9; the left-handed Model 9L; and the Models 9T and 9TL, which come equipped with Diamondhead low-profile folding sights as well as longer VRS-T handguards. I was able to test the standard Model 9 with a 16-inch barrel.

Indiana. This would be a superb place to test the Model 9, as the shooters here are not ones to be easily stirred by the "newest" gun on the market.

Keeping with the theme, one of the SWAT officers that helped with the testing offered up his Aimpoint Patrol Rifle Optic (PRO) for targeting, and we were ready to roll. Testing would consist of measuring the accuracy from a supported position at 50 yards, quick shots on targets from 2 to 25 yards, deploying from vehicles and sustained fire.

For our accuracy testing, we would stick with standard duty-style ammunition. The three flavors for this day were Hornady's 135-grain +P FlexLock Critical Duty, Winchester's 124-grain +P Defender and Speer's 124-grain +P Gold Dot. My initial impressions of the rifle were on par with what I expected from Stag. It was

“...the Stag Arms Model 9...proved to be a solid-performing rifle with exceptional law enforcement applications.”

RANGE TIME

While many guns look good on paper, since this is a law enforcement-centric rifle, it required some serious range time. Testing was done at the Petersburg Law Enforcement Training Facility in Petersburg,



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The Model 9 runs like a 5.56mm AR, and its light recoil makes it easy to produce tight groups, as this 50-yard test target shows.



The 9mm carbine uses a blowback operating system. Note the milled bolt face.



During testing, the Model 9 performed admirably. If you can run an AR, you're already trained to use the Stag.

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“ At every turn, the Model 9 rose to the challenge. ”

a nice-shooting rifle with very minimal recoil. The standard trigger is a mil-spec-style unit with about a 6-pound pull. While this is not exactly National Match tuning, it is exactly what most LE agencies are looking for.

The Aimpoint PRO was a good addition to the gun, and the 16-inch barrel certainly helped in the velocity and accuracy departments. Out of the mix, the

Hornady 135-grain Critical Duty load produced the best five-shot group, which measured only 2 inches at 50 yards. All of the duty loads performed well. Out of sheer curiosity, we loaded a magazine with general 115-grain ball ammo from Patriot Munitions. While there was obviously less expansion, the plain ball ammunition shot good groups as well. This garnered some nods and smiles from the instructors because budget restraints force many agencies to train with ball ammo.

The fact that very little accuracy was lost made an impression.

Next up were dynamic applications. The shooters went into standard operating mode and ran the Model 9 just as they would a general patrol rifle. The rifle handled well and fed reliably. One major trend that quickly developed was the speed of engagement. Because of the easy accuracy of the rifle, shooters had to spend much less time lining up shots. Every shooter quickly became confident that their shots would be on target, and

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the time between targets diminished greatly. The rifle handled well, and all of the shooters ran the Stag through drills just as they would their standard patrol rifle. While the Uzi-style magazine was new to some shooters, they all quickly adapted to the straight-down design.

One interesting byproduct of a rifle chambered in a pistol caliber was an increased muzzle velocity of the 9mm round. Generally, 9mm rounds will see an increase of 230 fps in a 16-inch barrel. During vehicle engagements, the extra velocity proved to be very helpful in defeating the light metal and plastic of the car door. In testing, a ball round was fired from one side of the vehicle into the passenger-side door. While penetrating this barrier with a 9mm is common, the round maintained sufficient velocity to exit the other door on the other side of the car. This allows for greater ballistic performance on any threat inside of a vehicle.

Next came shooting steel at distance. All shooters repeatedly hit the 8-inch reactive steel targets

at 100 yards with ease. While being relegated to a pistol range, we were able to get hits at the maximum available distance of 250 yards on a 12-inch steel plate. While the effective ballistics of a pistol round shot at this distance are certainly debatable, this was all about seeing what was possible. At every turn, the Model 9 rose to the challenge.

FINAL NOTES

While some may dismiss a rifle chambered for pistol rounds as an anomaly, they should be reminded that the .44-40 Winchester Model 1873 was one of the guns that tamed the West. Over 60 years later, the Thompson submachine gun would be one of the most influential weapons in WWII, firing a .45 ACP round. According to a Stag Arms press release, "Compared to the 5.56mm cartridge, the 9mm cartridge used in a carbine configuration is the ideal choice for short-range and self-defense use up to 200 yards due to decreased muzzle blast, decreased muzzle flash, lower recoil, reduced overpenetration and a heavier bullet. An added benefit is that you can also shoot this rifle at most pistol-caliber-only indoor ranges."

With the sea of guns and gear being marketed to law enforcement daily, it is difficult to stand apart. But the Stag Arms Model 9 has done just that. It proved to be a solid-performing rifle with exceptional law enforcement applications. Bringing serious accuracy and reliability with a pleasant price point, Stag Arms has hit a homerun. For more information, visit stagarms.com or call 860-229-9994.

STAG ARMS MODEL 9

SPECIFICATIONS

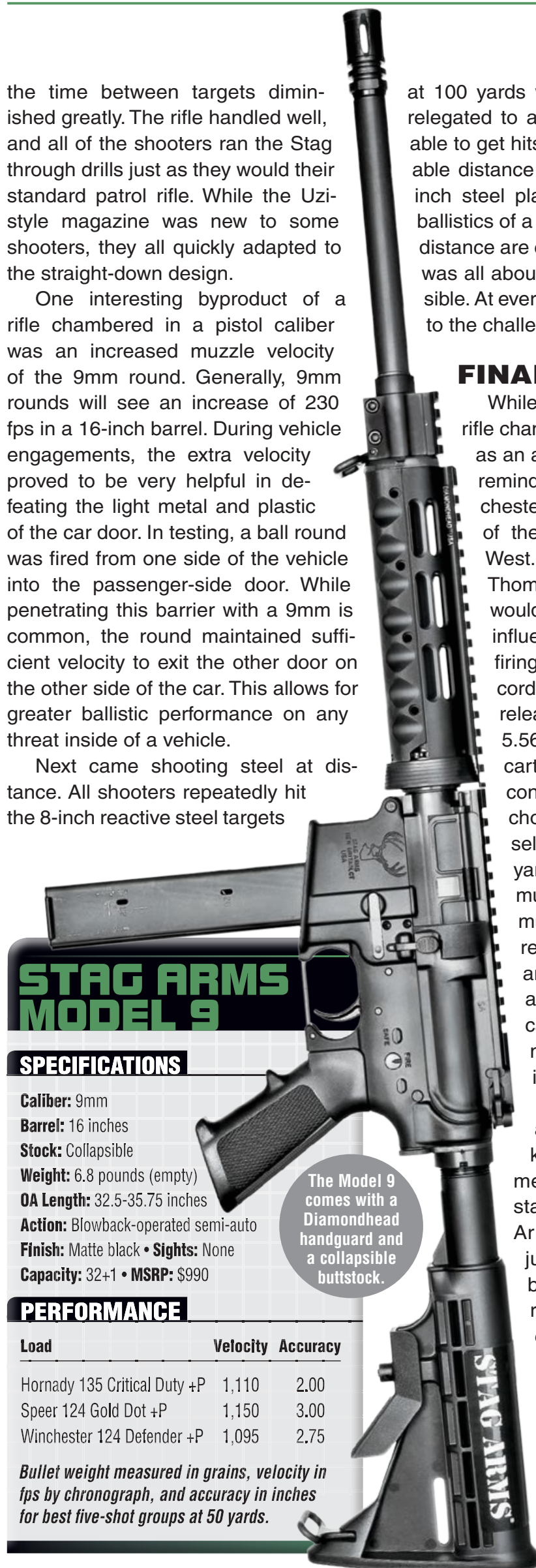
Caliber: 9mm
Barrel: 16 inches
Stock: Collapsible
Weight: 6.8 pounds (empty)
OA Length: 32.5-35.75 inches
Action: Blowback-operated semi-auto
Finish: Matte black • **Sights:** None
Capacity: 32+1 • **MSRP:** \$990

PERFORMANCE

Load	Velocity	Accuracy
Hornady 135 Critical Duty +P	1,110	2.00
Speer 124 Gold Dot +P	1,150	3.00
Winchester 124 Defender +P	1,095	2.75

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The Model 9 comes with a Diamondhead handguard and a collapsible buttstock.



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BY JOHN SHEPPARD

I have been a firearms instructor for my department since 1998 and the department's range master for the last three years.

I am regularly tasked with doing more training with less time, equipment and manpower. All those who shoot firearms for work, pleasure or competition know that ammunition is one of the biggest expenses. You may pay from a few hundred dollars up to a couple thousand for your gun up front, but you'll pay \$20 or more for every box of ammunition thereafter—shooting one box a week will cost over \$900 per year. Now most of us don't shoot that much, but if we did, would that maintain or enhance our skill level? Accurate shooting of a firearm is a perishable skill, so practice is required to maintain and improve it.

The question then becomes how can we develop our shooting without draining our wallets? I bet everyone said dry fire, and, yes, this is probably one of if not the best and most cost-effective methods of practice. But here's the catch: If you don't do it right, dry firing can have the opposite effect—you'll damage your gun, and that will cost you. With any dry-fire practice, make sure you unload, verify the gun is unloaded and keep live ammunition away from the practice area.

Last year, I had an officer who was unhappy with his qualification score. He decided that he was going to dry fire every week to improve his score at the next qualification. This probably sounds like a logical plan, but the problem was he took the recommendation of periodic dry firing to the extreme: His dry-fire routine was 100 dry fires each night, five

nights each week—over five months he had pulled the trigger 8,000 times. An inspection of his firearm revealed damage to the firing pin.

DRY-FIRE BASICS

A more practical routine would be to do three to four dry fires in a minute, three to four minutes a day, three to four days each week. This equals just over 750 trigger pulls for an entire year. To further decrease the possibility of damage to the gun, use a snap cap.

There is more to dry-fire practice than just snapping the trigger. The procedures will depend on the action of your pistol. For example, the procedure for striker-fired guns like Glocks is different than for double-action guns, such as those using Sig Sauer's DAK (double-action Kellerman) trigger system. To practice dry firing with striker-fired single actions or



Can you fire four rounds into a 6-inch circle in four seconds? This is a good method of testing your skills without firing a ton of ammunition.

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with the single action of DA/SAs, you have to either cock the hammer or rack the slide to set or reset the trigger. For DAOs, the double action of DA/SAs or any other trigger system that cocks and releases the hammer, you only need to work the trigger to practice dry firing.

Now back to not snapping the trigger. There are elements to dry practice that you should have. You need something to aim at so you can practice good sight alignment and getting a sight picture. I recommend attaching your target to a ballistic barrier to ensure you are pointing in a safe direction. A cardboard file box filled with sand will work for standard personal-defense-caliber ammunition. Next, consider drawing from your (Please turn to page 90)

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GOING THE DISTANCE

The powerful new 7.62mm Diamondback DB10EFDE is poised to strike with precision at long range!

By David Bahde



This is turning out to be the year of the 7.62mm NATO AR-platform rifle. As the dust settles on the numerous 5.56mm NATO versions, their big-bore brethren are becoming increasingly popular in general, as well as in law enforcement. Some of-
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and departments have a need for a truly duty-capable 7.62mm AR. Rural agencies, for example, need the longer range. Urban departments will issue DMR versions of these rifles to their dedicated marksmen, or even select patrol officers. There are just some things the 5.56mm does not do as well as the venerable 7.62mm. Coupled with a marksman's bolt-action rifle in the same chambering, a 7.62mm AR provides increased versatility and training compatibility.

For years, however, there were few choices when it came to 7.62mm ARs. Many were unreliable, marginally accurate and grossly overpriced. That has slowly changed, with huge improvements over the past few years. In

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The 18-inch barrel comes capped with a JP Enterprises JPTRE-424 compensator to help tame recoil and muzzle rise.

have proven themselves as reliable and accurate. I recently got my hands on Diamondback's 7.62mm DB10EFDE to wring it out on the range.

GUN DETAILS

For the DB10EFDE, Diamondback starts with upper and lower receivers CNC-machined from a billet of 7075-T6 aluminum, which maintains strength without adding a lot of weight. The upper houses an 18-inch, heavy, chrome-moly barrel that sports some stylish fluting, has a 1-in-10-inch twist rate and utilizes a mid-length gas system. The barrel is capped with a JP Enterprises JPTRE-424 compensator to help reduce recoil. Standard on many professional

general, the reliability of these ARs has increased over a broader range of ammunition. Weight is being shaved with every passing evolution, and their accuracy has improved significantly. Several of the rifles I've tested in the past few months have matched or exceeded all but the most expensive bolt actions. Changes in bullet construction have also eliminated the need in many instances for special barrier rounds, removing another obsta-

cle that affected reliability. If I were to deploy today, my rifle would be a semi-auto AR in 7.62mm NATO.

Diamondback recently entered the 7.62mm market with its DB10 series of rifles. Unveiled in January of 2015, they were very popular, and given the popularity of the company's 5.56mm DB15 series, that's quite understandable. These rifles are a favorite for many because they're built to very high standards and

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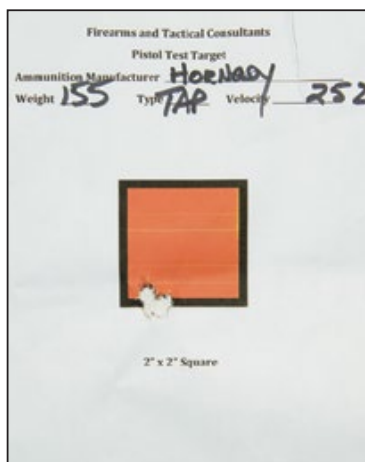
Surrounding the barrel and gas system is a 15-inch, light-weight KeyMod handguard that has a long top rail for mounting optics, and users can add accessories where needed along the sides and bottom. Also, the bolt carrier group is made from 8310 steel that is given a black nitride finish for enhanced durability and corrosion resistance.

The lower receiver features an integral triggerguard that is large enough for gloved use as well as a flared magazine well for faster reloads. An Ergo pistol grip keeps things comfortable. Diamond-back also includes a rifle-length buffer and spring as well as Magpul's proven PRS stock. CMC triggers have been showing up on a lot of my test rifles lately, and this rifle was no exception. This trigger unit is a one-piece design that was installed using anti-walk trigger and hammer pins. Factory set at a crisp 3.5 pounds, CMC's triggers have proven to be reliable and rugged.

Finally, the receivers and furniture are finished in Flat Dark Earth. In all,

the DB10EFDE has a really nice look, with some contrasting red and black colors in the receiver markings. Weighing in at 10.5 pounds unloaded, the DB10EFDE is typical of most AR-platform rifles.

Given this AR's tasking as a precision or duty AR, I installed my Leupold 3-18x44mm Mark 6 scope in an Alamo Four Star mount. Using a Horus H58 reticle, the Mark 6 is perfectly suited to duty use. Mounted in the first focal plane, the reticle's holds and ranging are accurate at any power setting. Horus' proven design allows for wind and elevation holds at very long distances, and it offers a relatively clear sight picture. It also allows for fast ranging using the 12-inch target



The DB10EFDE created the tightest five-shot group at 100 yards—0.6 inches—with Hornady's 155-grain TAP.

brackets within the scope. Leupold's pinch-and-turn knobs are also excellent for duty work. Graduated in mils, they offer all the elevation you would ever

DIAMONDBACK DB10EFDE

SPECIFICATIONS

Caliber: 7.62mm NATO
Barrel: 18 inches
OA Length: 37-40 inches
Weight: 10.5 pounds (empty)
Stock: Magpul PRS • **Sights:** None
Action: Direct impingement semi-auto
Finish: Flat Dark Earth
Capacity: 20+1 • **MSRP:** N/A

PERFORMANCE

Load	Velocity	Accuracy
Federal M118 LR	2,440	0.70
Federal 178 Gold Medal Match BTHP	2,440	0.75
Hornady 155 TAP	2,520	0.60
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need and require you to pinch then turn, eliminating any accidental adjustments. Leupold's zero-stop feature is one of the easiest on the market to use. Once set, you have an absolute return to your zero—just run the knob to the bottom.

I've used this scope on several test rifles, at a number of training schools and even on a few hunts. It is incredibly versatile. I use Aadland Engineering's Aadmount scope caps to cover the glass. These have withstood a year of hard use without a scratch. They are excellent covers, especially where your scope encounters any hard use. The only other addition to the rifle was an Atlas bipod, which fit perfectly on a bottom rail attached to the KeyMod handguard.

RANGE TIME

At the range, I started by testing the rifle's reliability while shooting from some less than conventional positions. I used steel and paper targets set out from 50 to 400 yards, firing from kneeling, off-hand and various supported positions. I also used the bipod for support at times, along with my WieBad Tac-Pad. This handy little device lets you lock solidly into positions that approximate being seated or kneeling without taking as much time or balance. The DB10EFDE did very well, allowing me to get reasonably consistent hits on steel targets as small as 6



Reliable and well balanced, the 7.62mm DB10EFDE rifle functioned well with most SR-25-pattern magazines.

inches at 400 yards. All of this was completed using the Horus reticle for wind and elevation corrections. The only time I dialed in the elevation was for groups at 300 yards. The rifle proved accurate and reliable, with an affinity for Hornady's 155-grain TAP round.

Next was some deployment-style training. I set the DB10EFDE up like a deployment rifle, placing it in a bag in my truck. Then I would simulate callouts, removing it from the truck and shooting

from a number of positions, all under time constraints. I generally had to run to the final shooting position. To simulate a rural environment, I took shots out to 200 yards, hitting silhouettes with concentrated target areas in the 3-inch range attached. Firing from barricades, or even my truck, yielded hits inside the 3-inch circle with consistency. Field conditions seldom yield the opportunity for prone shooting, so I didn't use the bipod for this portion of the testing. The DB10EFDE acquitted itself well here.

Moving to more typical police marksman deployments, I pulled the rifle from my drag bag and got into a final firing position. After setting up, I fired a cold-bore shot into a 1-inch target at 100 yards. Five total cold-bore shots were completed, and they all stayed inside the 1-inch circle. Follow-up groups were very consistent. All cold bores were completed on a fouled barrel. The overall accuracy was consistently 1 MOA or less, making this rifle suitable for most applications.

Static accuracy testing was equally impressive. Half-inch groups seem possible with this rifle. During testing, the Hornady TAP ammo won the day with a group measuring right at 0.6 inches. Everything fell under 1 inch, with several groups hovering around the 0.75-inch mark. Moving out to 300 yards, groups were mostly in the 2.5- to 3.5-inch range. Wind was a factor, so these results are pretty solid. The DB10EFDE seemed to hold at least 1 MOA on paper out to 300 yards,

while maintaining that out to 400 yards with steel targets. (Please turn to page 93)

“ The DB10EFDE did very well, allowing me to get reasonably consistent hits on steel targets as small as 6 inches at 400 yards. ”





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BY RICHARD JOHNSON

“Shots fired at the high school. We’re getting reports of multiple shooters.”

No cop ever wants that call to go out, but when it does, you want to be ready. Whether it is a spree killer, a terrorist attack or a bank robbery gone wrong, there are calls that require more gear than you carry on your belt. For these incidents, consider having a “go bag.”

A go bag is a small pack or sling bag that you carry in your patrol car. It is loaded with a few tools and other bits of gear that can help you resolve a high-risk call. Also known as “bail-out bags,” they can be grabbed quickly and might be the only additional supplies you will get until the call is handled.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD GO BAG?

A go bag must be durable, lightweight and designed so its contents are easy to access. I’ve seen three different



Plate carriers like this AR500 Armor set offer added protection and storage space.

kinds of bags employed to good effect: a sling or shoulder bag, a backpack and a plate carrier.

A **sling bag** slips over the shoulder and can be swept behind the officer while moving or engaging a suspect. These kinds of bags are generally easy to grab gear out of, though they are more prone to get in the way than the other options available.

In this category, the 5.11 Bail Out Bag is worth consideration. The bag has quick-access pouches for AR magazines, a large center pocket, plus side utility pouches. The sling has a quick release and padding.

Maxpedition’s Condor II is a rugged pack that can hold a lot of extra gear for crises.

The MSRP is \$65.

Backpacks offer the ability to carry more gear and do not interfere with accessing

your standard gear. However, retrieving equipment out of them is generally slower than other methods.

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Plate carriers are typically outfitted with PALS webbing to allow for the attachment of pouches. In many cases, a plate

carrier will have the smallest amount of storage. However, it offers the benefits of affixing gear to specific points for ease of access, plus the increased protection that hard armor offers.

AR500 Armor offers a plate carrier package that is an outstanding value. The Urban Go Plate Carrier includes a carrier covered with PALS webbing and comes with two 10-by-12-inch NIJ Level III rifle plates for \$175. A pouch set that includes rifle and pistol magazine pouches is an additional \$35, or you can add your own.

WHAT SHOULD YOU CARRY?

Generally speaking, a go bag should give you the additional equipment you need to address extraordinary circumstances without needlessly weighing you down. Your patrol area and the potential problems you might reasonably encounter will influence

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the exact gear you carry. For example, officers in urban Florida might carry very different equipment from those in rural Montana. Here are a few things to consider adding to the bag:

Extra magazines and ammo:

This is likely the most common thing carried in a go bag. If you respond to a spree killer or terrorist attack, you might need a lot more ammo than what's on your belt. Invest in additional duty pistol and rifle magazines and load them up with department-issued ammo. Carry extra shotgun rounds if you have a 12 gauge instead of a rifle.

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When under fire, officers will have to provide first aid, as paramedics will not be able to reach you. A tourniquet can help stop blood loss from a traumatic injury and possibly save a life.

wounded. Consider carrying a tourniquet, an Israeli bandage and a clotting agent.

Entry gear: When responding to a school or other facility, you may encounter locked doors and doors that have been

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On the firing line with Beretta's 1301 Tactical—

A visible symbol of the American lawman from the frontier days to modern times, the shotgun has been a reliable tool responsible for saving many a cop's life.

Although the AR-15 has made a run at supplanting the highly effective scattergun in patrol cars around the country, the shotgun remains a staple of modern law enforcement.

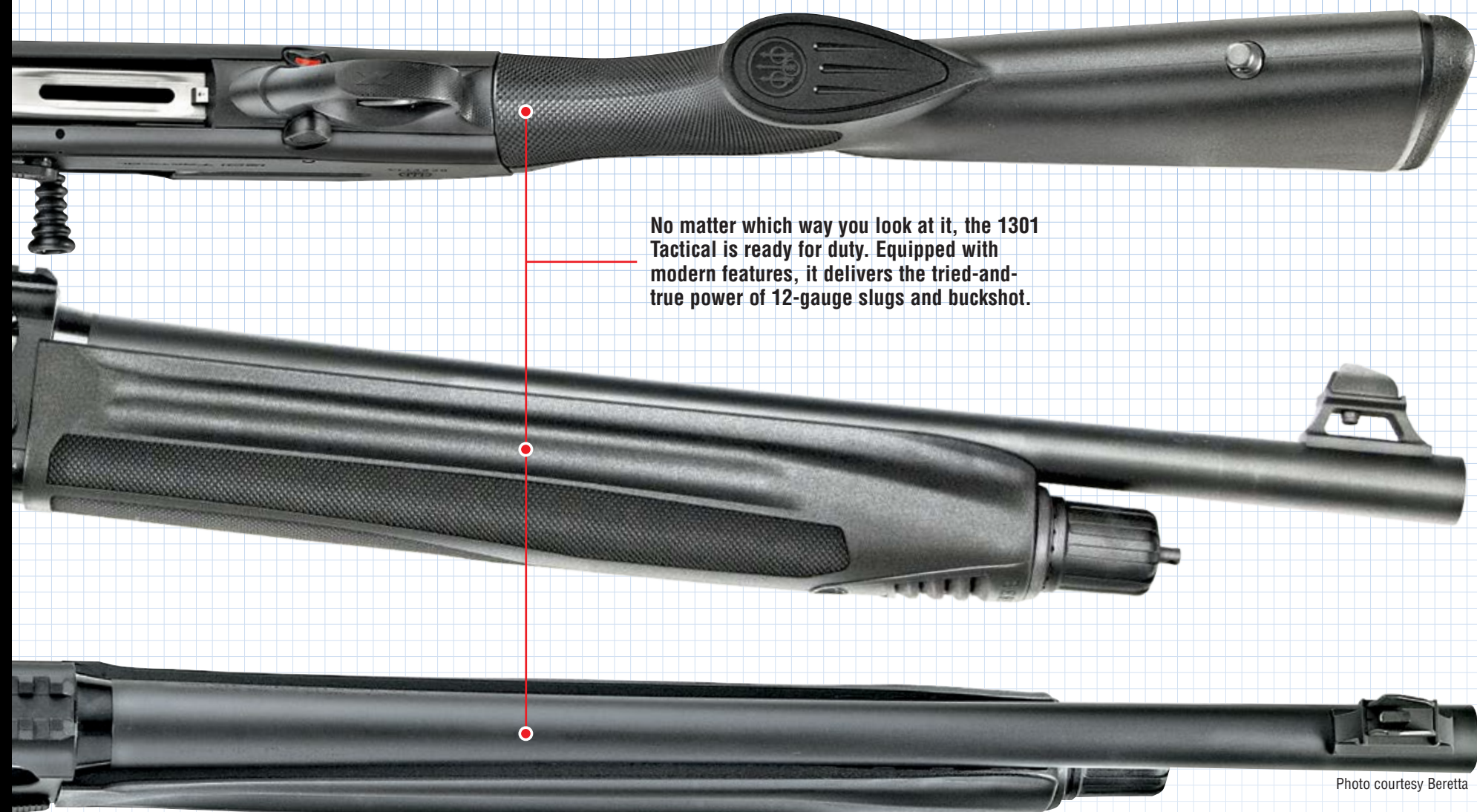
The Beretta 1301 Tactical is a modern evolution of the venerable police long gun. Equipped with modern features, the 1301 is every bit as reliable as the mainstay gun of times past. It can throw a 1-ounce slug at supersonic speeds or send out a devastating pattern of buckshot to stop even the most violent attacker.

Made in Italy, these shotguns have a pedigree of fine craftsmanship that is nearly 500 years old. With

the practical experience of supplying weapons to the militaries of the world, these Beretta guns have both style and function covered.

GUN DETAILS

As with all of Beretta's firearms, the 1301 Tactical is a quality build. The heart of this shotgun is the Blink gas-operated system. According to Beretta, the Blink system offers 36-percent faster cycling than other types of semi-



No matter which way you look at it, the 1301 Tactical is ready for duty. Equipped with modern features, it delivers the tried-and-true power of 12-gauge slugs and buckshot.

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one of the fastest semi-autos around! *By Richard Johnson*

auto shotguns. This means follow-up shots can be amazingly fast.

The 18.5-inch barrel is cold-hammer forged and made of Steelium, a proprietary tri-metal alloy made of nickel, chromium and molybdenum. Beretta claims the Steelium barrel is exceptionally durable and perfectly suited for hard duty use.

The first thing that struck me when I held the 1301 Tactical was how light it felt. At 6.7 pounds, it is roughly a

pound lighter than some competitors' pump and semi-auto shotguns. This gun points quickly and is a breeze to move around corners and other obstacles with. It is one of the better-balanced tactical shotguns that I've had the pleasure of shooting.

Few things have an impact, both psychologically and physically, like the payload delivered by a 12-gauge shotgun. This Beretta gun will handle both 2¾- and 3-inch shells. The tubular

magazine holds four shells. One note about the magazine is that Beretta delivers the gun with a two-round block installed. Remove that first to be able to fully load the magazine.

Beretta installs large controls on the 1301 Tactical, including an oversized charging handle and bolt release. Additionally, the shotgun has an oversized crossbolt safety. The safety is reversible for left-handed shooters. Oversized controls increase

BERETTA 1301 TACTICAL



Photo courtesy Beretta

Beretta ships the 1301 Tactical in a hard plastic carry case that will protect it for storage and transport.

the shooter's ability to stay in the fight under stress. During a critical moment, a person can lose a significant amount of fine motor control. Manipulating small safeties and levers can be very difficult during these times.

Fast sight acquisition is important when lives are on the line. In my opinion, Beretta uses one of the best sighting solutions for this shotgun, with a ghost-ring rear sight and a blade front sight. I have found that this sighting arrangement is very fast and extremely accurate. While a simple bead front sight is usable, it has been my experience that officers and shooters perform much better with a ghost-ring sighting system. The rear sight is adjustable for both windage and elevation.

Beretta uses a photoluminescent dot on the front sight. This dot appears off-white until exposed to a light source. The dot absorbs light and then glows for a short period of time. In general, I like the use of photoluminescent paints to enhance plain sights. However, I found the paint used on the 1301 Tactical did not glow for very long after being charged with a handheld light. The front sight can be quickly replaced if you want a blade with a self-powered tritium or fiber-optic insert.

A Picatinny rail is located on top of the receiver for the addition of a red-dot sight

BERETTA 1301 TACTICAL

SPECIFICATIONS

Gauge: 12; 3-inch chamber
Barrel: 18.5 inches
OA Length: 37.8 inches
Weight: 6.7 pounds (empty)
Stock: Synthetic
Sights: Front blade, ghost-ring rear
Action: Semi-auto
Finish: Matte black
Capacity: 4+1 • **MSRP:** \$1,075

PERFORMANCE

Buckshot	Pattern
Federal LEO Tactical Flitecontrol	4.50
Winchester Ranger Low Recoil	10.25
Slug	Accuracy
Federal LEO Low Recoil	2.75
Federal Power-Shok	2.50

Buckshot pattern in inches at 25 yards and slug accuracy in inches for best five-shot groups at 25 yards.

or other optic. The sighting options on this Beretta shotgun are truly unlimited.

Understanding the needs of law enforcement, Beretta equipped the 1301 Tactical with a short stock. The synthetic stock has a 13-inch length of pull, making it more compact than some alternative shot-

guns. This allows for easier storage and retrieval from an already cramped patrol car. Additionally, most law enforcement officers are wearing some combination of soft and hard body armor that can make a shotgun with a longer stock unwieldy—doubly so for smaller-statured officers.

The stock is arranged in a traditional design with aggressive checkering on the grip and forend. The checkering does an excellent job of reducing hand slippage during recoil. A thin, rubber recoil pad is affixed to the rear of the stock.

Long term care of the shotgun is just as important as how well it functions brand new. Patrol officers take their guns into all weather



The shotgun's ghost-ring sighting system is easy to use, with three white dots for greater precision while shooting slugs.

conditions, including rain and snow. Depending on the assignment, the shotgun may also be exposed to salt-water or even the dangerous chemical environment of a meth lab. Being able to break down the gun for a good cleaning is highly important. Field-stripping the 1301 Tactical is easy and requires no tools. Since this shotgun does not have any chokes, you do not even need a choke wrench. Beretta is careful to note that no oils or solvents should be used on the gas piston system of the gun during routine cleaning. Should a heavy amount of carbon build up on the piston system, a solvent can be used. However, the piston system should be completely dry prior to reassembly.

RANGE TIME

An old gun maxim suggests that the true value of a gun can only be measured on the range. So, to gauge the value of the 1301 Tactical, time spent shooting was both necessary and pleasurable.

Before hitting the range, one of my concerns about the 1301 Tactical regarded the amount of felt recoil. The gun is so light and agile that I was worried that the recoil might be a bit abusive. While regular shotgun shooters are not likely to be bothered by a little more recoil, minimally trained police officers likely would be. Far too many agencies provide less training with shotguns than they do with other firearms. So, officers who aren't shooters in their off time are less likely to pull out a heavy-recoiling gun when the situation dictates its use.

I'm pleased to say that the recoil from this Beretta shotgun was no greater than any of the pump-action shotguns I was equipped with in my law enforcement career. I ran a variety of slug and buckshot loads through the Beretta and none of them seemed any harsher than the shotguns in my personal safe.

Sometimes reliability is an issue with semi-automatic shotguns. But that wasn't the case with the Beretta. I ran a variety of loads through the gun, including both full- and reduced-power slugs and buckshot, with only one hiccup. The third round I fired—a reduced-recoil slug from Federal—failed to eject completely. The next 247 rounds ran without a single problem. Early

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The 1301 Tactical features enlarged controls (above) for easier handling as well as a top Picatinny rail (right) for adding a fast-targeting reflex sight.

stoppages are possible with any gun during the break-in process. The fact that more than 200 rounds followed without a single problem tells me that this was an isolated incident and not a problem with the gun itself.

The ghost-ring sights worked exceptionally well. The ring was wide enough to allow my eye to quickly focus on the front post. Although the sights are adjustable, they arrived spot-on.

As expected, the controls worked well and were very easy to reach. The oversized safety and charging handle performed admirably and were much nicer than what I've experienced on a number of other shotguns. I am right-handed, but I ran the 1301 Tactical from both shoulders to see if there would be any obvious problems for left-handed shooters. I found none. In fact, I found that although

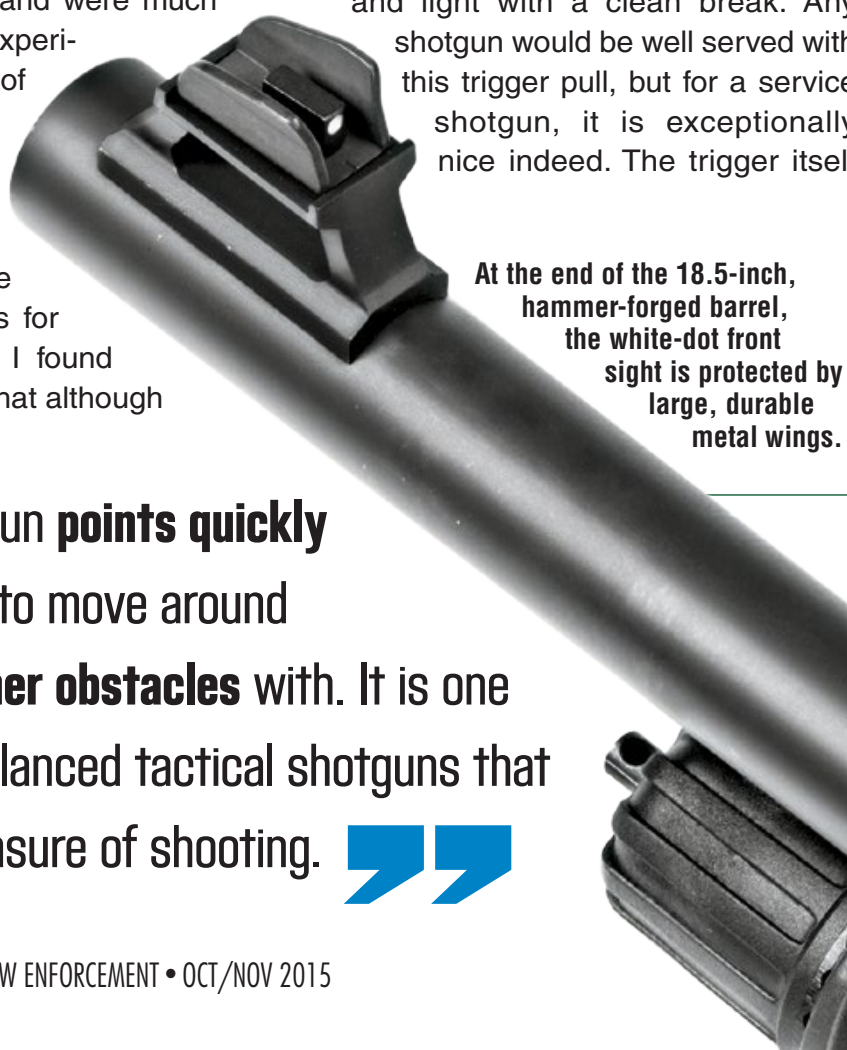


the controls were ostensibly set up for right-handed shooters, I could actually run the gun faster from my left shoulder.

One of the very nice features of this gun is the trigger pull. The pull is smooth and light with a clean break. Any shotgun would be well served with this trigger pull, but for a service shotgun, it is exceptionally nice indeed. The trigger itself

is chrome plated and black with a silky smooth surface that allows the finger to get a good feel for it.

At 25 yards, the buckshot patterns and slug groups were significantly smaller than any qualification course would require. At 50 yards, the slug groupings opened up some but were still well within a chest-sized area. With a moderate amount of practice, patrol officers will be able to hit man-sized targets in the 50- to 100-yard range with slugs. For agencies where patrol rifles are not an option, the Beretta 1301 Tactical will be able to ex-



At the end of the 18.5-inch, hammer-forged barrel, the white-dot front sight is protected by large, durable metal wings.

tend a police officer's effectiveness beyond typical handgun ranges.

In an age when departments are moving or have already moved to the patrol rifle, some might wonder if the shotgun will continue to have a place in law enforcement armories. I firmly believe it has a place, and it will continue to serve for many decades to come. In an age when departments are being unfairly scrutinized for perceived militarization, the traditional lines of a shotgun can be more palatable by the public while still providing devastating effectiveness.

Beretta has a real winner with the 1301 Tactical. This shotgun is a solid performer that appears to offer exceptional performance for patrol and tactical duties. As it ships, it is ready to hit the street. Upgrading to a 1x optic is easy, as is routine maintenance. Without any hesitation, I recommend this shotgun for any department or individual officers looking to upgrade their shotguns.

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The 9mm Boberg Arms XR9-S features a unique operating system that allows for a longer barrel in a truly compact design.



POCKET-SIZED SENTINEL

Boberg's compact XR9-S 9mm backup offers full-sized power and ballistics!

By Jorge Amselle



When it comes to a backup gun, many likely choose a very compact .38 Special revolver or a tiny .380 ACP semi-auto due to their light weight and small dimensions.

However, what if you could pack a micro-sized gun chambered in 9mm and featuring a reasonably long barrel while still having relatively compact dimensions? With that you would have a gun with power reasonably comparable to your duty sidearm's but still small enough to carry hidden away as a backup.

Thanks to Boberg Arms, now you can have the best of both these worlds. The XR9-S is an accurate pocket pistol chambered in 9mm with a compact-pistol-sized barrel that will handle +P ammunition while remaining comfortable to shoot. Sound like an impossible combination? Boberg has managed to design and produce this semi-automatic pistol with a 3.35-inch barrel and a 5.1-inch overall length. This recoil-

operated, double-action-only (DAO), hammer-fired 9mm pistol, with its 7+1 capacity, is a marvel of engineering, and it has to be fired to be truly appreciated.

GUN DETAILS

The Boberg's feed mechanism and method of operation will be entirely unfamiliar to most shooters. First, the magazine has no follower, although one is available as an option. Looking from the top, all you see is the exposed magazine spring held in pace by the angled top of the magazine body. The front of the top of the magazine is closed off and the back is open; the rounds feed in from the back.

When you insert the magazine and rack the slide, a pair of spring-loaded tongs firmly grab the cartridge case rim and pull the round back, away from the magazine. A rising platform assembly, consisting of the lifting linkage and the ramp, lifts the cartridge up and into line with

BOBERG XR9-S 9mm

the chamber. The slide then pushes the round into the chamber. All of this happens at high velocity and with a good deal of force, and the cartridge is fully controlled and balanced along the way by the tongs, lifter and a rim on the bolt face once the slide is closed. There is also no feed ramp, as the cartridges are fed directly into the chamber. A top stop is also built into the system to prevent a live cartridge from overtraveling and simply being ejected out of the top of the pistol.

The XR9-S' feeding system is similar to those designed by Hiram Maxim, John M. Browning and others for use on machine guns (for instance, the Browning 1919). The Mars pistol, designed for British military trials around the turn of the last century, featured a similar design and operation but suffered from reliability issues and was never adopted. Other designs placed the barrel forward to feed rounds from a magazine. These, too, proved unreliable.

Arne Boberg, the founder of Boberg Arms, was already an experienced machine designer and amateur gun builder when he started working on his design in his spare time. He wanted something more from a pocket pistol than simply a cut-down version of a current production gun. The current design took over six years to complete and perfect. Boberg has taken full advantage of modern technology in the design and construction of the XR9-S. Using Unigraphics NX software and CNC machines on multiple-axis equipment, Boberg was able to achieve very precise tolerances.

The end result is a micro-compact pistol with almost full-sized pistol ballistics. According to Boberg, this design delivers

During testing, this double-action-only pistol was accurate while offering improved velocity.



BOBERG XR9-S

SPECIFICATIONS

Caliber: 9mm • **Barrel:** 3.35 inches
OA Length: 5.1 inches
Weight: 17.5 ounces (empty)
Grips: Polymer • **Action:** DAO
Sights: Low-profile three-dot
Finish: Ionbond Diamondblack, nickel/chrome satin sheen or two-tone
Capacity: 7+1 • **MSRP:** \$1,099-1,349

PERFORMANCE

Load	Velocity	Accuracy
Black Hills 124 JHP	1,027	2.00
Hornady 124 XTP JHP	1,047	2.10
Remington 115 JHP	1,037	1.68

Bullet weight measured in grains, velocity in fps, and accuracy in inches for best five-shot groups at 15 yards.

25 percent more muzzle energy than any other similarly sized pistol with a shorter barrel, as well as low perceived recoil and negligible muzzle flip.

The slide and barrel, as well as all of the steel parts, are made from stainless steel. The slide itself features aggressive slide serrations at the rear for a positive purchase. The XR9-S also has a large, solid extractor. The ejection port looks too small, especially from the top, but that is what helps keep the live rounds from overtraveling out of the top. On the range, cartridge ejection was never an issue.

The low-profile sights—set up in a three-white-dot configuration, are dovetailed into the top of the slide and include Allen screws that can be loosened for windage adjust-

ments. The top of the slide is also nicely contoured to provide a less blocky, more streamlined appearance. The rotating locked-breech barrel stays in line with the slide, which is necessary for properly feeding rounds into the chamber.

GOING FURTHER

Given the XR9-S' diminutive dimensions, feed mechanism and rotating barrel design, installing a reliable return spring and guide rod was a challenge. Instead of using the barrel as its own guide rod and mounting a spring around it, Walther PPK style, Boberg installed a nail-thin steel guide rod with a miniscule spring at the 4 four o'clock position (looking at the front of the slide). The spring and guide rod extend to almost the entire length of the pistol. This return spring, in essence, is what helps the pistol's slide rack so easily.

The hammer is a wide, flat piece of steel that almost completely covers the rear of the slide. When the trigger is pressed, you can see the hammer coming back and exposing the firing pin. This not only gives the XR9-S a clean look, one similar to a striker-fired gun, but also helps keep dreaded pocket lint out of the mechanism.

Boberg Arms designed the XR9-S with a unique flat hammer as well as high-visibility three-dot sights.



The frame is manufactured from 7075-T6 aluminum alloy with an extremely tough, matte black, hardcoat anodized finish. This goes a long way toward keeping the weight of the pistol within pocket-gun range. At just 17.5 ounces unloaded, you will get used to it quickly. The front of the grip frame has machined horizontal cuts to help provide a firm hold. The grip panels themselves are made from high-strength Zytel polymer and feature distinct stippling for a secure grip.

The grip design also features a deep beavertail to firmly protect the web of the shooter's hand. The rounded trigger-guard is well sized for easy access, and it extends almost to the front of the frame, being nearly flush with the front of the barrel.

As far as the controls are concerned, the Boberg pistol follows a minimalist approach, which helps keep the pistol under an inch in width and very streamlined. The left-side-mounted magazine release did require me to adjust my grip to reach it, but it easily dropped the magazines free when I needed to reload. Note that the slide will not lock open after firing the last round from a magazine. The slide release, which is very flush with the frame on the left side, also serves as a takedown lever. If you turn it to the 9 o'clock position, the slide will release and come off of the frame for cleaning.

The Boberg XR9-S has no external manual safety. There is also no loaded-chamber indicator and no magazine disconnect. The Boberg XR9-S pistol will fire with a live round in the chamber and no magazine inserted. There is an internal passive firing pin safety

The seven-round magazine loads and feeds from the rear, and it doesn't use a follower. Also note the witness holes.



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that completely prevents the pistol's spring-loaded firing pin from making any forward movement unless the trigger is depressed. This keeps the gun from firing if there is a live round in the chamber and the pistol is dropped.

The seven-round magazine, as mentioned, has no follower. The magazine body is made from stainless steel and is laser welded. It features witness holes, making it easy to see how much ammo is still available in the magazine, as well as a polymer base-plate with a slight finger-groove extension for enhanced handling and control.

My Onyx test sample, with the exception of the trigger and some small parts, features an Ionbond Diamondblack finish. This surface treatment is applied through

“ This is an extremely high-quality pistol that promises and delivers nearly full-sized **PISTOL POWER** and **ACCURACY** out of a miniscule package. ”

a physical vapor deposition (PVD) process and provides an extremely hard, durable and tough coating with a high degree of lubricity and low friction. The result is a very attractive, matte black satin look.

The trigger and transfer bar are left with a natural stainless steel finish. The hammer is supposed to feature the black coating, but on my sample it was also left in the white. The heavy and long DAO operation also dispenses with the need for an external safety. The standard trigger, set at 7.5 pounds, has a long pull and a long reset. However, and short-reset triggers are available with 6.75, 7.75- or 9-pound trigger pulls.

RANGE TIME

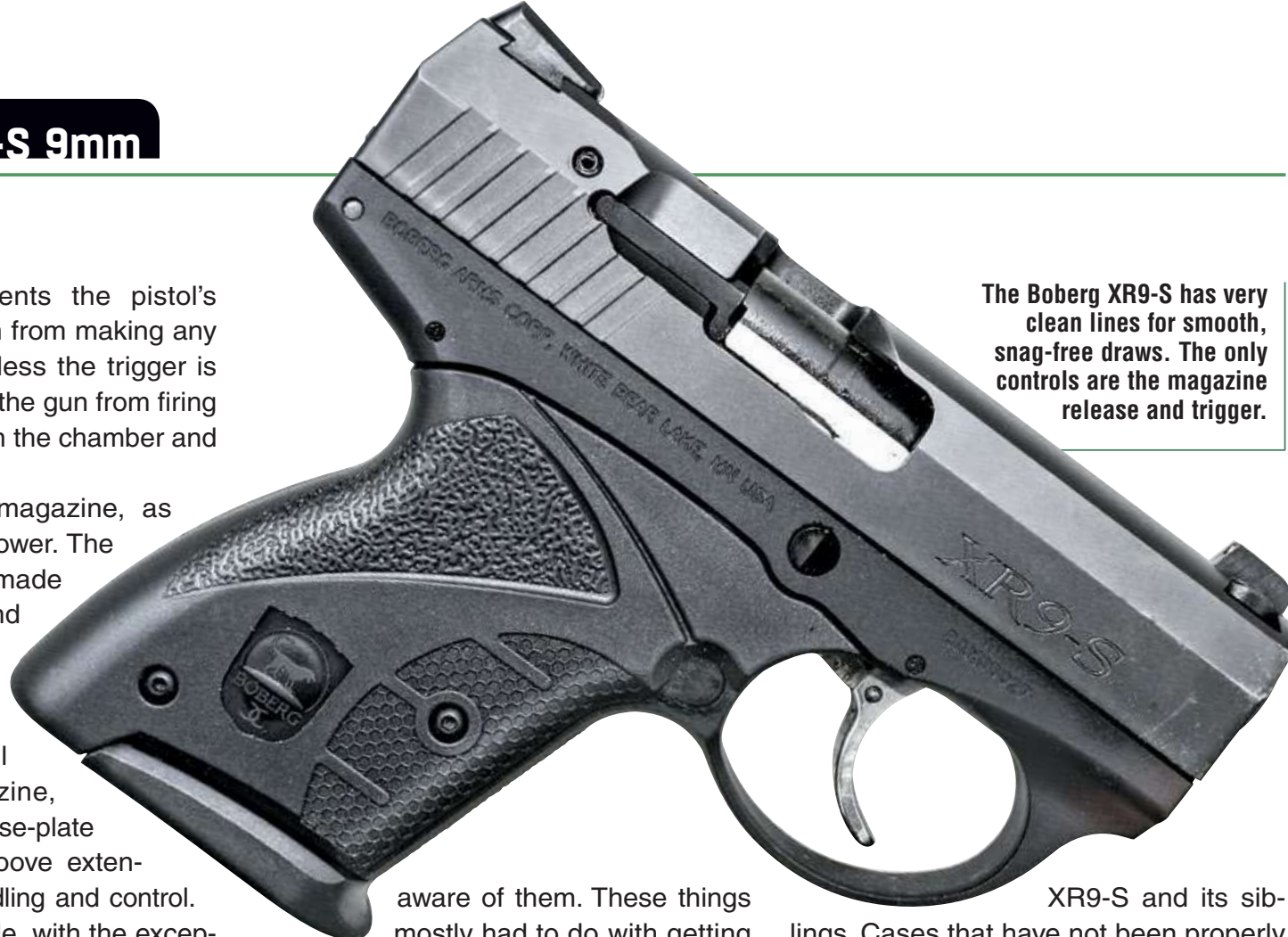
On the range, a few items of note became apparent, and every user should be

aware of them. These things mostly had to do with getting used to the pistol's method of operation, rather than with a design flaw.

First, you should fire the Boberg XR9-S not like a typical semi-automatic, but as you would a double-action-only revolver. Make sure to allow the trigger to go fully forward each time for it to properly reset. Expecting a short reset and short stroking the trigger will cause it to become stuck in the rearward position. Of course, if this does occur, pushing the trigger forward manually will easily rectify this situation for continued firing.

When you load the first round from the magazine, it's important to make sure you do not baby the gun. Aggressively manipulate the slide fully rearward and release it. Riding the slide or short stroking it can result in a live round getting stuck between the slide and the rear of the barrel. It is also imperative to use the proper ammunition with the

The Boberg XR9-S has very clean lines for smooth, snag-free draws. The only controls are the magazine release and trigger.



XR9-S and its siblings. Cases that have not been properly crimped risk bullet separation, as the rounds are pulled back by the action with a good deal of force.

In handling the XR9-S, this might seem like a no-brainer, but muzzle awareness with a two-handed grip is also required so your support-hand thumb doesn't end up forward of the barrel.

I would normally test a pistol this small at 7 yards, but given the longer barrel I tested the XR9-S at 15 yards, and the results from a sandbag rest were impressive, with my best group well under 2 inches. Even some rapid-fire drills performed off-hand produced better-than-expected results, keeping eight rounds inside a 4-inch area.

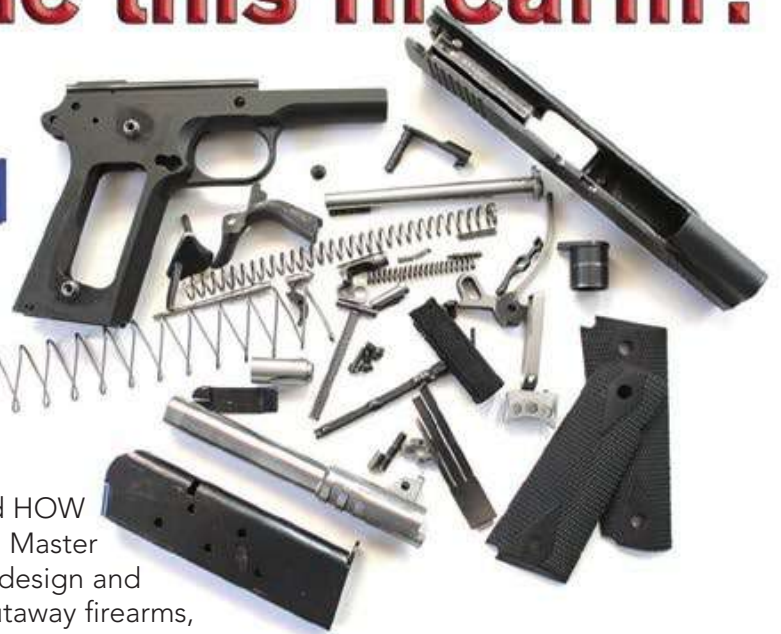
The Boberg XR9-S may be based on an old design, but it has been brought back to life and reintroduced to an entire generation of shooters. This is an extremely high-quality pistol that promises and delivers nearly full-sized pistol power and accuracy out of a miniscule package. The XR9-S is a great choice if you're looking for a backup that represents some innovative thinking. For more, visit bobergarms.com or call 651-287-0617.



At the range, the XR9-S consistently produced tight five-shot groups at 15 yards, even in rapid fire, with all of the test ammunition.

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SMALL-TOWN CENTURIONS



Pike County deputies have the best gear and training to overcome threats without backup!

BY FRED MASTISON

When the term “sheriff’s office” or “police department” is mentioned, many people immediately envision a large organization—a garage full of squad cars, briefing rooms bustling with officers getting ready for patrol and high-tech communication centers.

While this is indeed the case in large municipalities, it is an extremely rare sight outside of large cities. What is much more common is a small agency with limited staff working diligently to protect a large area. This is the world of rural law enforcement.

RURAL ENFORCERS

Nestled in the southeast corner of Indiana lays Pike County—341 square miles of rural farmland, coal mines and traditional small towns. Protecting this large area are the dedicated deputies of the Pike County Sheriff’s Office (PCSO), which is typical in size compared to other rural agencies. It is comprised of eight deputies,



While it serves a small community, the Pike County SRT team trains like its big city brethren.

one chief deputy and the sheriff himself. As with most rural agencies, staffing and budgets dictate that deputies patrol alone.

Because of the limited manpower, the PCSO works in close cooperation with agencies within the county. A good example of that is in Petersburg, Indiana. Found

in the heart of Pike County, the Petersburg Police Department (PPD) maintains a strong relationship with the sheriff’s office. This is especially important when calls come in. Like the PCSO, the PPD is professional and run with the same high standards as its larger counterparts across the country.

This partnership is more than a logistical plus for all deputies and officers involved. It is another layer of safety that brings them one step closer to coming home to their families after every shift. When a simple traffic stop can turn into a fight, it’s good to know backup is available.

While the area maintains a small-town atmosphere, it is unfortunately no stranger to crime. In many rural areas across the country there is what seems to be a plague-like expansion of methamphetamine production. This can be attributed to the isolated nature of many properties and the ability to hide production in secluded areas. The PCSO and PPD face many of the same problems their peers in large cities face. In 2013, the PCSO saw approximately 15,000 calls for



Composed of LEOs from two agencies, the SRT trains hard for high-risk entries.



service within the county—a volume of calls per deputy that rivals many larger agencies.

PATROL ARSENAL

Contrary to current cliché, officers in rural agencies have to carry more than an antique revolver. The PCSO strives to carry the best gear possible. As professionals in the law enforcement arena, they know that poor gear can cost you your life. PCSO deputies carry the Glock 21 for their primary duty weapons. Approved backup guns include the G42 and G26. Each officer is also assigned a Rock River Arms AR-15 chambered in 5.56mm NATO. The rifles come complete with EO-Tech holographic sights, SureFire M900V weapon lights and backup iron sights.

PCSO service vehicles range from Crown Victorias to Dodge Chargers and Explorers. Each vehicle is loaded to capacity as a reflection of the solitary nature of rural patrols. If an event happens, deputies may be on their own anywhere from five to 15 minutes depending on the location. Their loadouts include emergency medical supplies, tactical gear, lights, batteries, rain gear, extra uniforms and a plethora of other gear. While it is not uncommon for officers to carry a trunk full of gear, it is hard to rival the amount carried by rural officers.

SWAT STEEL

The PCSO and PPD maintain an interagency SWAT team. Dealing primarily with drug and warrant issues, the team is as professional and well trained as its larger agency counterparts. Committed to the job, the team trains monthly. Commanded by experienced officers, the SWAT team is only deployed when all other options have been exhausted. The team is composed of a negotiator, a breacher, the entry team and the police marksmen team. They are equipped with the fundamental equipment to successfully conduct operations. In the end, it will always be the operators who dictate the success of a callout.

Pike County and Petersburg are the quintessential models of rural life. Pleasant people, beautiful country and a lifestyle more concerned with day-to-day life as opposed to jet setting. The professionals from the PCSO work hard to maintain this way of life for the people of the county. There will be people in every community that choose not to understand the real dangers that exist around

THE PCSO'S SWAT SNIPERS

The designated police marksman is probably one of the most misunderstood parts of any SWAT team.

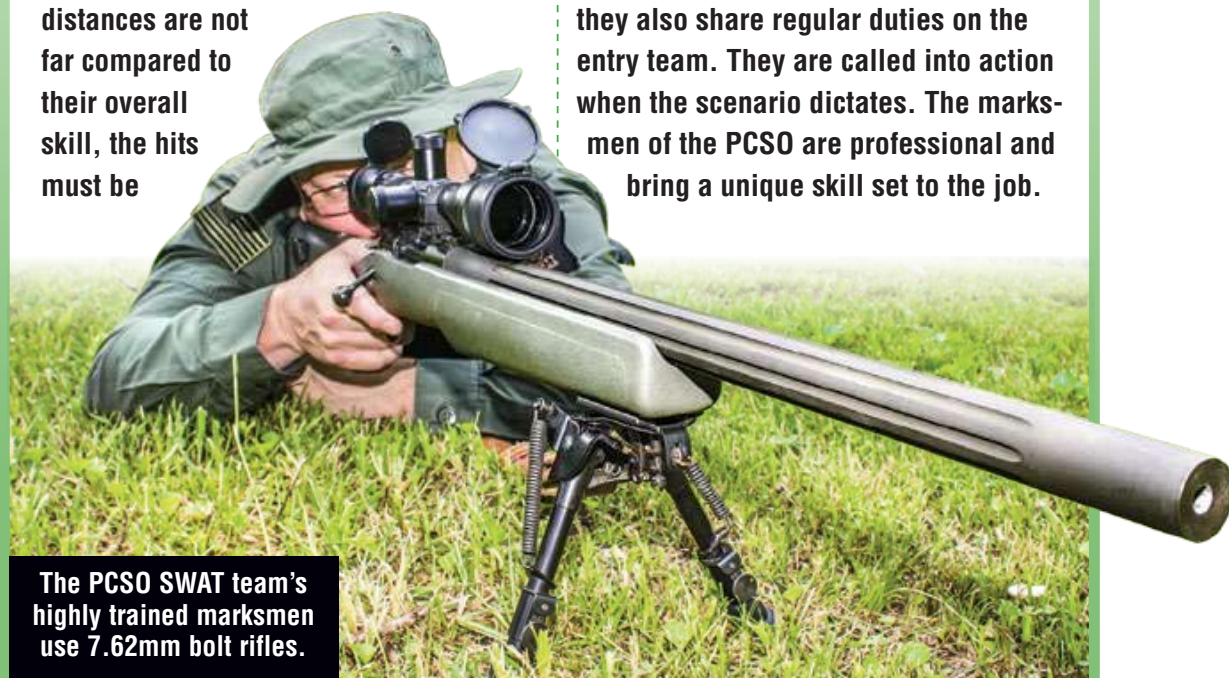
While the obvious application of a precision rifleman is neutralizing a threat, they also serve in a wider capacity. This multi-tasking capacity is very evident inside the PCSO SWAT team. The designated marksmen on the PCSO team serve multiple roles. They are first and foremost observers. Their ability to gather and pass on information to the team commander is critical and in many cases helps avoid major conflicts. They can be the eyes of the team on the ground and pass on vital information.

They are also skilled shooters. As with most police marksmen, the level of accuracy required to hold the position is grueling. The “minute of man” level of accuracy seen in some communities is not remotely acceptable to the LE shooter. While their average engagement distances are not far compared to their overall skill, the hits must be

in the 1-inch and smaller realm. The presence of innocent civilians makes extreme accuracy a must.

TOP SHOTS: The rifle team for the PCSO is composed of two seasoned deputies. Both top graduates of multiple precision shooting schools, they bring a cool-headed, no-nonsense mindset to their duties. The team's loadout includes spotting scopes, binoculars and laser rangefinders to help them in their duties. They also keep two rifles: a Remington 700 chambered in 7.62mm NATO and topped with a Leopold Mark 4 scope, as well as a custom rifle built by a neighboring agency. It starts with a Sako action chambered in 7.62mm NATO and includes a Krieger barrel and Manners stock. It is topped off with a Leupold Mark 3 scope.

The marksmen practice monthly with the rest of the SWAT team. Because of the small size of the team, they also share regular duties on the entry team. They are called into action when the scenario dictates. The marksmen of the PCSO are professional and bring a unique skill set to the job.



The PCSO SWAT team's highly trained marksmen use 7.62mm bolt rifles.

them. This can be even more common in rural areas. Kind people simply expect the same from those around them. The staff of the PCSO graciously manages this through professionalism and education.

One characteristic found in much of the rural LE community and especially in Pike County is an almost family-like environment. Many of the deputies were born and raised in the area and know a majority of the people in the county. This gives them an advantage

when dealing with issues. They can intervene in problems before they become a serious law enforcement issue. It is this type of interaction that has allowed the PCSO to maintain a respected position with the population. While they are not a large agency with extensive assets, the staff of the Pike County Sheriff's Office perform at a level of professionalism that rivals many large agencies. They are an exceptional representation of rural law enforcement.

BUDGET-PROOF TRAINING

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holster during dry-fire practice. This will make your grip and drawstroke more consistent. Finally, apply a smooth press of the trigger, straight to the rear without disturbing the sights.

Another dry-fire option that has been used in many professional shooting courses is the “wall drill.” This drill focuses on perfecting sight alignment and trigger control without the distractions of the other fundamentals. You need a wall that is a solid (preferably light) color; ensure nothing around you will create a distraction. A sheet of copy paper or a solid-color target could be used in place of the wall. You will bring the gun up to eye level and hold it approximately 1 inch from the wall. You must have total concentration on the front sight, as if you are trying to burn the image into your mind. Press the trigger smoothly straight to the rear, maintaining focus on the front sight.

LIVE FIRE

Because you have no recoil or sound with dry-fire practice, you will need to fire some live ammunition to ensure that you don’t flinch before firing and you recover from recoil. You don’t need to blast hundreds of rounds to work on this practice technique. The first live-fire practice I recommend is the bullet-hole drill. You only need to fire about 10 rounds. Start by firing one round into a blank target. That hole is now your aiming point for the next nine rounds. The objective is to

With the dry-fire “wall drill,” focus on your front sight and press the trigger smoothly without moving the gun.



fire those nine bullets through the first hole. A group that you can cover with your thumb is good. There is no time limit for this exercise, so use good breathing control and follow through for each shot. After each shot, relax and take a breath, then start the next shot.

The second live-fire practice I recommend works on tactical shooting techniques by building your speed while maintaining accuracy. It is sometimes called a “BSA,” or balance of speed and accuracy. Using a small target area at about 7 yards, fire a maximum amount of rounds in a minimal timeframe. You can increase the distance, shorten the time or add more rounds. I recommend using a 6-inch circle for the aiming area at a distance of 7 yards. On each fire command, draw and fire four rounds in four seconds. If all rounds are within the circle, either decrease the time or increase the rounds until you cannot keep all of them in the circle. The object is to find your limits and then practice within

them until you are able to improve your skills. Like the bullet-hole drill, the BSA drill won’t require hundred of rounds—you won’t go broke. Performing four to five repetitions, firing four or five rounds in each two or three times a month, is enough to improve your shooting.

PARTING SHOTS

It should be obvious that these practice recommendations are to maintain or gradually improve your shooting skills without draining your bank account. However, if your goal is to become a highly skilled competitive shooter, you will need to add more live-fire training to your practice. The level you train at and how much you invest in it is up to you. Think about this before you run out and spend several thousand dollars on a gun that can shoot beyond your ability and on equipment only an engineer could operate. At the end of the day, what will benefit you most is the quality of your training, not the quantity of money you spend. ■

ESSENTIAL GO-BAG GEAR

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reduce the weight any one officer carried while increasing the odds of being able to get into a secured building. The MSRP is \$500 for the kit.

Large marker: A large marker will allow an officer to mark areas searched or even leave messages for others.

Paracord: A small length of paracord can help in a variety of ways, such as allowing you to pull open a door without exposing yourself.



BlackHawk’s compact entry tools can help LEOs get into locked areas where citizens are in danger from a spree killer, fire or other hazard.

Door stop/wedge: In a commercial facility with automatically closing doors, being able to prop open an entry door can make it much easier for back-up officers to get to you.

Maps of important places: The layouts of local schools and government buildings can be kept in the bag for reference in case you need to respond.

Comfort gear: Not every unusual call requires you to run and gun. Many will require you to hold a perimeter position for several long hours. A granola bar, a bottle of water, ChapStick, sunblock, insect repellent and a bottle of Tylenol can make the experience much more bearable. ■

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REMINGTON 700P RACS

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they can snag on twigs or other objects. The handguard also has sling swivel sockets for quick-detach (QD) sling swivels located at the rear on both sides and the bottom, while rail sections with sockets can be attached to the handguard at the front.

Along the top of the handguard and extending all the way to the rear of the receiver is a Picatinny rail that has numbered slots so that accessories like scopes and night-vision devices can be mounted, dismounted and then reinstalled in the same place to retain their zero. Additionally, the top rail has a cant or bias of 20 MOA built in. This allows for a greater range of a scope's elevation adjustment to be used, which aids in longer-range shooting. With a standard rail that has no bias, the scope is mounted parallel to the axis of the bore, so at 100 yards, only a little adjustment is needed to achieve zero. The scope's reticle remains positioned somewhere near the center of its elevation travel. By adding a bias of 20 MOA, the scope's axis points down towards the muzzle, so that at a 100-yard zero, the reticle is at the upper part of the

range of travel. By doing this, a greater portion of the scope's range of elevation adjustment can be used to center the reticle on targets at extremely long ranges instead of having to estimate holdovers.

A word of caution, though: Some scopes do not have enough elevation adjustment to allow for a 100-yard zero if attached to a rail with a 20-MOA cant. With such a scope's reticle at the end of the travel range, the point of impact will be a few inches high at 100 yards, so the scope and its mounts should be chosen carefully.

At the back of the RACS is a folding buttstock with a number of adjustments to make the gun fit the shooter. The buttstock folds to the right side and has short rails on each side and the bottom. So that the shooter can align his eye behind whatever optic is chosen, the cheekpiece is adjustable, up and down, and locks in place with a thumbscrew. The length of pull is also adjustable, allowing the overall length of the gun to be adjusted from about 38.5 inches to about 40.25 inches. And when the stock is folded, the gun is 30.25 inches long without a muzzle device, making it pretty compact. The RACS is available in black for civilians and LEOs.


RANGE TIME

Obviously, this turnbolt has a lot of great features, but the big question with a

gun designed for accuracy and precision is how does it shoot?

My sample gun had been run hard and shot a lot by the time I received it. It showed some wear and had not been cleaned, as evidenced by some external scratches, plenty of fouling and a good deal of copper buildup in the bore. Usually a company will send a new gun to a gun writer so it is representative of a gun bought off the shelf. Nevertheless, I cleaned the bore of carbon fouling, but because of the press of deadlines, did not devote any time to removing copper fouling. The gun was going to shoot like it shoots, but since this was a law enforcement sales demonstration gun, I figured it would probably shoot pretty well even when fouled.

My suspicions were right. Using a Steiner Military 5-25x56mm scope mounted in a LaRue Tactical QD mount, and using quality match ammunition from ASYM, Black Hills and Eagle Eye, the average group with all loads was less than 1 MOA at 100 yards using the supplied tripod while shooting off a bench. Take a look at the performance table for details.

For military, law enforcement or sport shooters who need a reliable and accurate turnbolt, the Model 700P 5R RACS is certainly one to put on the list for consideration. For more information, call 800-243-9700 or visit remington.com. 

BREACHING KITS

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tools would get a good workout from the team since it sometimes works multiple warrants in a single day.

One of the first things about the Kodiak tools that the narcotics unit noticed was the Sure-Grip handle of the HB30 Halligan tool. This was a universal plus. They also liked the serrations on the face of the HB30, which allowed for additional purchase when prying doors. The overall length of the Kodiak set was ideal for dynamic entries, and it worked particularly well for the narcotics team, which travels to its missions in plain vehicles instead

of in a large and roomy armored vehicle. There was plenty of room in their undercover vehicles to pack the Kodiak set. The tools were used on a number

of raids over a three-week period, forcing doors and cutting chains.

The team then tried out the BlackHawk gear. Although designed as emergency breaching tools, the team got to try them out at the scene of some warrants after entry had been made.


In one particular case, the team used the BlackHawk pry bar to break open a small fireproof safe. While not as secure as a full-sized, fireproof gun safe, these safes are not easily defeated—unless you have the right tools. The BlackHawk Mini Breacher bar and Micro Thunder-Sledge made short work of the safe, and the illegal contents were recovered.

I was also present when the Mini Bolt-Master and Mini Breacher were used to break into a locked car glove box and rear seat area after a warrant had been served. The tools worked well within the confines of a front seat, and they were also effective on practice breaching doors.

Both the BlackHawk and Kodiak breaching sets are quality gear. The BlackHawk Mini Deployment Kit is more purpose-driven, being ideal for issue to select patrol units for active-shooter

situations. If I were a chief or sheriff, I would see to it that there was always a set of these BlackHawk tools available in each sedan-style cruiser I fielded. They take up so little room but are capable of great effectiveness. They would be worth bringing on a SWAT mission for smaller interior jobs and narrow or cluttered hallways where space is a premium.

The Kodiak tools, due to the carry system, can also be used for active-shooter responses, particularly if officers are driving the larger SUV patrol vehicles that are starting to outnumber the small sedans. Kodiak Tactical's tools are certainly SWAT capable and can be readily used for entry on those missions as well. They would be great to be carried on patrol by departments that have part-time SWAT members, so there would be a set of big tools on the street as well.

Patrol units now have more options for entering barricaded active-shooter events than ever before and are capable of having more of the "Special Weapons and Tactics" that their team has. It is up to each agency as to which type will work best for them. 

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DIAMONDBACK DB10EFDE

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After about 100 rounds, the rifle was pretty dry, and the action started failing to lock open after the last round with PMAGs. Adding oil seemed to fix it right up, but this rifle liked to run on the wet side. I used several magazines from Lancer, DPMS, LaRue Tactical and Magpul's Gen 1 and Gen 2 PMAGs. Everything worked well when the rifle was oiled properly, with a slight edge towards the Lancer L7AWM magazines. It was also much easier to shoot from unsupported prone with these mags in place. It helps that they sit flat, especially when shooting at ranges under 200 yards. Lying in a prone position with no support, it was much easier to get solid hits on the 6-inch steel at 300 yards.

Rifles designed for use with optics are better served with an extended charging handle. All 7.62mm ARs should have one, as the spring pressure and mass of the bolt are greater. Running a standard handle from prone with a scope and/or offset sights can be problematic. There are several companies making these kinds of charging handles now, and I'd add one to this rifle.

I don't like muzzle brakes for duty rifles. As far as brakes go, this JP Enterprises model is one of the best, but it is still loud; a shot without hearing protection on a deployment would be very painful. The brake does control recoil and muzzle rise, but given real-world applications, a solid grip would also fix those issues. If you are headed to a 3-Gun match, this is a great brake, but I would replace it with a flash or sound suppressor for LE engagements.

FINAL NOTES

Diamondback has put together a very nice entry into the 7.62mm AR market with the DB10EFDE. Overall, its fit and finish are excellent and its billet receivers are nicely mated. The rifle's accuracy was excellent, its reliability was solid, and it felt comfortable. It performed well given some typical LE training. Overall, it's an excellent rifle. If you're in the market for a 7.62mm AR, give this one a close look. For more information, visit diamondbackfirearms.com or call 877-997-6774.

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BASEMENT RAGE

We responded to a disturbance at a local bar. It seemed like every time this bar had a live band, there was trouble.

Tonight was no exception, except this time the disturbance involved a fistfight between two brothers. Both brothers were very intoxicated but refused to press charges against each other. We were backed up on calls, so the girlfriend of the oldest brother took him home while I gave the other brother a ride back to their parent's home, which is where he lived.

I left the younger brother at his home and responded to another call. I cleared that call pretty quickly and was immediately notified that the younger brother was now yelling and cussing at his parents. The dispatchers also stated that they could hear the younger brother pounding on items within the house.

Another officer and I were at the residence within a couple of minutes, and the parents let us in. I could hear yelling and pounding coming from the basement area. The parents stated that the younger brother was in the basement by himself and that there were no weapons down there.

This house was built in the 1960s and had steep, narrow stairs. As we reached the top of the steps, I called down, and the younger brother responded with a guttural cry that was unintelligible. The parents insisted on trying to reason with their son, who only responded to them with fits of rage. The other officer stayed at the top of the steps to keep the parents back while attempting to speak with their son.

I was just far enough down the stairs to see into the right side of the basement. There in the middle of the floor was the son holding the leg from a broken coffee table. He was holding the table leg by the bottom, and there was a long, metal bolt sticking out of the top. The bolt was obviously where the leg had been previously affixed to the now destroyed table.

down and talk to me. The son glared at me momentarily and then let out another guttural growl. He raised the table leg in the air and started towards me. There was nowhere for me to go, even if I wanted to, and I knew that I had to end this situation.

Wielding the table leg like some medieval club, he was just a few short feet from me when I noticed that I was now looking

at him through the front sight of my pistol. He took two more steps in my direction and then stopped. He glared at me for several more seconds with the table leg poised over his head, neither of us saying anything.

After staring at each other for what seemed like an eternity, I ordered him to drop the table leg. He stared at me for a few more moments and then finally complied. I had him face away and walk backwards towards me. I then handcuffed him and searched him for weapons.

The parents then informed the other officer and

me that their son had been experiencing some mental health issues, and that he had been off of his medication for the past two weeks. We transported their son to a hospital a short time later without incident.

About three years later, I ran into the son when responding to a call. This time the son was sober and had been properly dealing with his mental health issues. Surprisingly, he remembered quite a bit about that night. He confessed that he had intended to attack me with the table leg until he looked me in the eye. He told me that he could tell that there was no doubt in his mind that I was going to shoot him if he didn't comply. He then shook my hand and thanked me for giving him a chance to give up. —DL, OH

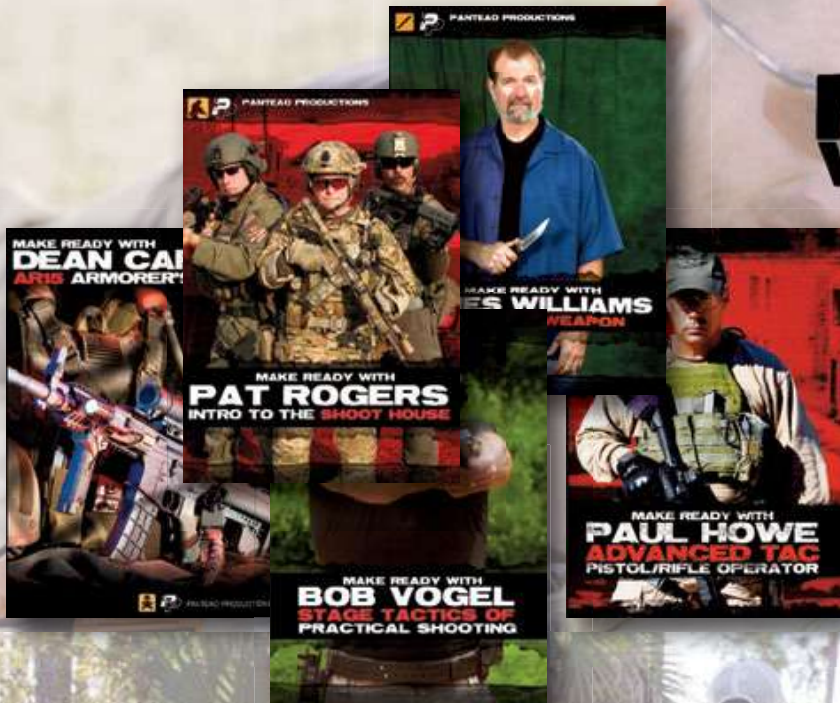


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The son was now babbling and yelling incoherently as he was pacing back and forth. I didn't want to agitate him any further, so I spoke to him in a calm manner. I asked him to put the table leg

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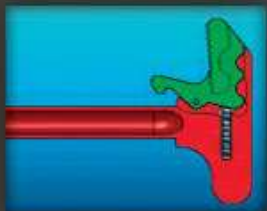
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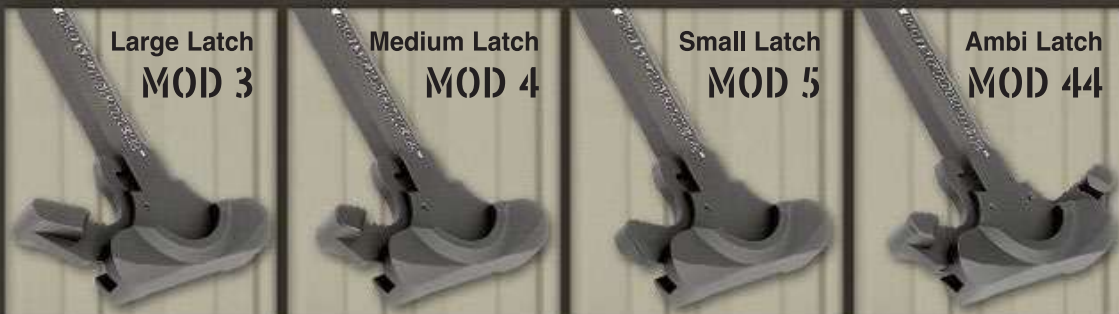
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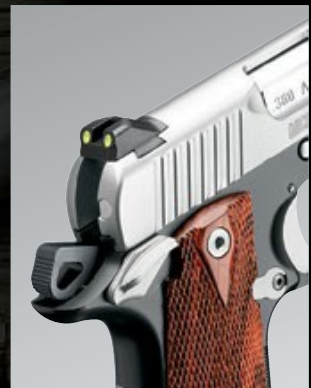
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